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Diana fund has £1m

Princes may run mother's 'secret charity'

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PRINCE WILLIAM and Prince Harry have been asked to take over a private charity run by Diana, Princess of Wales, which she used to make donations totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds to causes close to her heart.

The Princess of Wales Charities Trust was set up in 1981 with a £100 donation from the Princess. The latest accounts filed at the Charity Commission show that it now has funds of more than £1 million.

The trust, whose existence was kept secret during the Princess's lifetime, was financed from "fees" paid to the Princess by organisations and companies she represented or visited, or by their sponsors, who were usually given a strong hint that a charitable donation might be an appropriate way of thanking her for her efforts.

Documents filed with the Charity Commission also disclose that the Princess used thousands of pounds of the trust's money to buy so-called "personal effects" that were then donated to charities to sell at fund-raising auctions. In its four most active years, in the mid-1980s, the trust made donations to 420 organisations worth, on average, £740 each. In all, the gifts totalled more than £310,000.

In keeping with the Princess's habit of backing unglamorous and controversial causes, the beneficiaries included Depression Alliance, which helps to support people with severe mental illness, and groups for battered wives, such as Hull Women's Aid and Refuge.

Voluntary groups working with single parents, such as Gingerbread and Liverpool One Parent Families, and homelessness charities, including Centrepoin, also received grants, as did charities that work with HIV or AIDS patients, such as Body Positive and the Aids Helpline.

Michael Gibbons, the Princess's private secretary and a trustee of the charity

since 1996, said that the Princess took an active part in the running of the trust and vetted every grant it made. "It was very much her style to give money to organisations which were not fashionable or which would not otherwise have received money," he said.

He added that the Princess did her best to suppress any publicity about the trust. "She did not want to get brownie points for making charitable donations," he said. "The trust was there to make charitable grants, not to score points. It was something that she did not want to publicise."

Some of the charities and voluntary bodies that received money from the trust were never even told where the money came from. Others were asked not to give the grants "gratuitous publicity".

The trust was relatively inactive until the early 1990s, but its grant-making activities took off in 1992-93 after the Princess separated from the Prince of Wales and embarked on a more independent career.

Henry Boyd-Carpenter, of Farrer and Co, solicitors to the trust, described the trust as a "happy and active charity". Mr Boyd-Carpenter, who is solicitor to the Queen, said: "There was very little money in the early days. It became active as the Princess's charitable activities blossomed."

Accounts filed with the Charity Commission show that in the year ended in April 1993 the trust received a donations worth £11,465 derived from the Princess's activities. It made grants worth £57,526 to 69 organisations and spent £3,861 on gifts to be donated to charities.

In 1994, donations came to £14,013 and the trust made grants of £96,646 to 140 bodies. The trust also made anonymous donations of £50,000 and made gifts to charities for auction to the value of £2,250.

In 1995, donations to the trust amounted to £37,060. It paid out £12,785 to 111 organisations. In 1996, the last year for which records are available, it made 100 grants worth £43,649 in total. It closed the year with total funds of more than £1 million.

Now the trust is preparing for a new lease of life. The trustees have written to the Princess's sons to ask them to become its patrons and to take over the work of vetting grants.

A spokeswoman for the Prince of Wales said it was too early to say whether the Princes would get involved with the trust.

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Unrestrained emotion from Darren Gough, left, and Mark Butcher as they celebrated after their historic Headingley win yesterday

England's cricketers get winning feeling again

By ALAN LEE

ENGLAND'S cricketers escaped from 12 years of purgatory yesterday with their first win of a full series since the Ashes were retained in Australia in 1986. In the process, they redeemed a sporting summer full of false promise and overturned a few time-honoured theories about emotion and self-expression.

They will also be richer men, having landed a bonus of £200,000, the biggest yet won by an England side, from their team sponsors, Vodafone. As with all prize monies, this will go into the team pool

to be divided between the 18 who played in the series.

The 23-run victory over South Africa, completed when the two remaining wickets were taken in the first half-hour on the final day in Leeds, produced a release of pent-up frustration in players who have had to live with cheap jokes and derision. It laid to rest the theory that the English game is moribund, and was greeted with euphoria.

Cricket was once thought to be a game of reserve and taciturnity, where wickets were greeted by no more than a backslap and victory by formal handshakes. Five days of

draining tension in Headingley, the climax of a dramatic series, has shown the modern player in a different light. There have been tears of joy and despair, displays of tacit encouragement seen more frequently on the football field and, finally, boisterous celebrations in full view of a spontaneous 10,000-strong crowd taking advantage of free admission to enjoy a slice of overdue cricket history.

It was a match that had everything. England and South Africa slugging it out toe to toe like two proud prizefighters, the winner impossible to call with

confidence.

On Sunday, as England fell short of the target they had wished to set, Nasser Hussain covered his eyes and wept as he left the field, dismissed for 94. Yesterday, Allan Donald, South Africa's champion fast bowler, looked equally distraught as the penultimate man out.

Then, after Darren Gough had magnified his hero's status in his native Yorkshire by taking the final wicket to finish with six for 42—the best figures of his England career—pandemonium ensued. When the players, sprinting from the field, reached a

roped-off area near the boundary, they hugged one another uninhibitedly, moist eyes commonplace. Thousands of cheering, chanting spectators gathered around them, acclaiming the first win in a major series in this country since 1985.

"It was a team effort," said Alec Stewart, triumphant in his first series as captain. "But we must stay realistic—we've got the hardest test of all to come this winter in Australia."

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ENGLAND WIN TEST SERIES

"Darling, this really is the happiest day of my life"

US offers \$2m for bombers

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THE United States offered a \$2 million (£1.2 million) reward yesterday for the capture of the East African embassy bombers.

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, offered the reward for information leading to a conviction of "the cowards that committed this act". The announcement came as three groups of suspects, described by an official as "connected to others", were detained in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. They are believed to be Sudanese and Iraqi.

Ms Albright pledged the reward in a speech to members of her department and insisted that there would be no rest until the bombers were caught. She will fly to Germany to bring back the bodies of some of the 12 Americans killed.

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Government cracks down on travel firms' insurance deals

By MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-STREET travel companies which force customers to buy expensive insurance when they are booking a discounted foreign holiday were given notice yesterday by the Government that they must drop the practice.

The ruling will come too late for those holidaymakers who are currently searching for last-minute bargains. Many of those will find cheap deals come with the sting of compulsory insurance attached.

The change will, however, be in place in time for the post-Christmas sales frenzy, when tour operators set out to secure early bookings by offering up to 15 per cent off the brochure price of summer holidays.

From November 16, it will be unlawful for travel agents to tie the insurance to special offers and discounts. The government ruling, announced yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry, is a blow for the travel industry,

which has traditionally made up to 50 per cent commission on tied insurance.

Customers who are prepared to shop around and buy no-frills insurance can often find a cheaper deal. Research by *The Times* has found that a family of four travelling to the United States for three weeks could save £200 by arranging cover with Churchill Insurance, which would cost £75.30, rather than with Thomas Cook direct, which charges £275.80. A Thomas Cook annual policy for the same family would be £139.95.

In 1996, the biggest travel agents made an estimated profit of £130 million on travel insurance sales—making that side of the business six times more profitable than selling holidays, according to calculations by Direct Line.

Out of the ten million people who are expected to travel abroad this summer, three million will have bought a

holiday which has compulsory insurance attached. The practice has traditionally been most common with the largest tour operators, such as Air Tours, Thomson Travel Group and Thomas Cook.

The DTI acted after studying a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report published at the end of last year which criticised the practice.

Dr Kim Howells, Minister for Competition and Consumers Affairs, said yesterday: "Consumers should not be forced to take out insurance which may not be competitively priced or does not meet their needs in order to obtain a discount on a holiday. Nor should they have to pay more for their holidays because travel agents are discouraged by tour operators from offering discounts they would otherwise be prepared to offer."

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Heatwave sparks fire among duke's treasures

By RICHARD DUCK

SOUTHERN Britain basked in temperatures of up to 32C (90F) on the hottest day of the year yesterday as the heatwave gripping the Continent continued to exert its influence on the weather system.

The Duke of Somerset, on holiday in Italy, learnt the power of the sun the hard way. Rays beaming through the windows of Bradley House, his home at Maiden Bradley, near Warminster, were reflected from an 18-inch-high concave silver-topped table onto a horse-hair sofa, starting a blaze which left tapestries and antiques, including

a Raphael painting, damaged by the smoke. Wiltshire fire brigade was called into action when a 75-year-old woman collapsed as she was overcome by heat after climbing an internal staircase to the Salisbury Cathedral steeple. She was passed through an open window into a safety basket and lowered 100 ft to safety.

Elsewhere, the emergency services confirmed yesterday that two men had been killed in water-related accidents.

Lawrence Browne, 47, a computer consultant, from Hayling Island, Hampshire, was manning a £250,000 catamaran off the Isle of Wight when two of his four children when he was

killed after going below decks to check the engine and being dragged into the machinery. He was brought ashore at Poole Harbour where he was certified dead by a doctor at the scene.

At Chasewater lake near Cannock, Staffordshire, Anthony Harris was missing presumed drowned after he swam out to retrieve a dingy at the beauty spot.

Mr Harris, 29, of Walsall, West Midlands, was known to be a strong swimmer but got into trouble after first wading out into the lake to retrieve the boat. He went to the lake on Sunday, with his girlfriend and two-year-old son. A police underwater search unit

was brought in to search for his body. In Co Londonderry police officers recovered the body of a 13-year-old boy from the River Roe at Dungiven after he got into difficulty while out swimming with friends.

The Met Office confirmed that yesterday saw a record for the year with temperatures reaching 32C (90F) in Gravesend, Kent. Temperatures will drop over the next few days and there is the likelihood of showers in southern England.

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The fund that started with a royal cheque for £100

Charities trust enabled newcomer to choose her causes, writes Alan Hamilton

DIANA, Princess of Wales, was barely four months married when she set up her charities trust. She was confused, unhappy, bulimic and pregnant, but she was advised that, as a new member of the Royal Family, it was the right thing to do. Those were the days before the Princess became one of the most sought-after charity figureheads in the world, with a portfolio of patronages which has grown to nearly 120 by the time of her separation in 1992. In the early days of her marriage, she was little more than a decorative adjunct to the

Prince of Wales; it took her rather longer to build an independent life. Yet, within weeks of her marriage, she had received at least 150 requests from charities to be their patron. Having a means of giving small sums to causes of her own choosing was an early priority. With no publicity, the Princess launched her charity fund with a cheque of her own for £100; further funding was intended to come from public

donations, on the assumption that her public appearances and meetings would provide no shortage of people keen to give to a good cause with her name attached. In the month that the legal documents establishing the fund were set up, the Princess performed the first solo public engagement of her marriage, switching on the Regent Street Christmas lights. It may now be safely surmised that, at many of the solo appearances that

followed, a condition of her turning up was a trust donation. Even if not made a condition, any function she attended in her own right would be accompanied by the strong hint that a donation would be an appropriate *quid pro quo*. Her frequent appearances at charity functions in the US are likely to have commanded respectable donations to the Princess's own trust, as well as to the principal charity. In later years the fund was

boosted by lump sums which the princess extracted from the media. Part of the out-of-court settlement after the *Sunday Mirror* published pictures of the Princess exercising in a gym was a £25,000 donation to her charity fund. Other members of the Royal Family have similar funds, from which they give many small donations from their private incomes. The Queen gives more than £200,000 a year, much of it to

ecclesiastical charities, from her Privy Purse Charitable Trust. The tradition is longstanding. Queen Victoria gave about £12,000 a year to good causes; given the ravages of inflation, she was roughly twice as generous as the present Queen. The Prince of Wales has his own charities trust, which on occasion has given away well over £1 million in a single year to small and usually unpublished causes. His books, television films and watercolours have all brought in revenue for the trust.

Prince's aides to look into claims of abseil risk

By Alan Hamilton

THE Prince of Wales has asked senior aides to conduct a thorough investigation into allegations that Prince Harry abseiled down a 150ft dam without a helmet or safety line on an adventure trip to Wales, but sources said yesterday that he was keeping an open mind until the inquiry ended.

Every member of the party, which included Tiggy Legge-Bourke, the Princess's former nanny, will be questioned by senior members of the Prince's staff to determine whether Harry, 13, was put at risk. Prince William, 16, and royal bodyguards were among the party of eight on the trip to the Grwyne Fawr Reservoir in the Black Mountains, near Miss Legge-Bourke's family home at Crickhowell.

If the claims are true, Prince Harry is likely to receive a stern lecture from his father, Miss Legge-Bourke — who is thought to have organised the trip — will be reprimanded by the Prince of Wales, who is said to be deeply concerned. Prince Harry's descent of the dam was captured on camera by a holidaymaker, who sold it to a newspaper. A special permit is normally required from Hyder, the Welsh utilities company, for abseiling on its dams, and participants have to sign an indemnity in case of injury.

Yesterday the company said it had decided not to prosecute Miss Legge-Bourke for trespass. Hyder said: "We have no record of having been contacted by anyone requesting permission to abseil at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir recently. Permission for abseiling at Welsh Water sites is given on rare occasions, mainly for charity events. In these cases, we always check that the organisation is competent and fully insured."

"We reserve the right to prosecute trespassers but this happens rarely and we have no plans to do so in this case. The safety of people on our property is our main concern and we will be writing to the organisers to point this out."

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Secret gifts that arrived in the post

Cash came with pleas for no publicity, write Daniel McGrory and Dominic Kennedy

THE causes closest to her heart kept the secret of how Diana, Princess of Wales, privately assisted them with financial donations.

The gifts would arrive unannounced in the post and always included a request that the charities say nothing about her financial support. They all respected her wishes, admitting that the donations helped with projects that would otherwise have been abandoned.

The contributions were modest, often no more than a few hundred pounds, and mostly intended to be used for specific projects.

In 1996, the last year for which figures are published for donations by the Princess of Wales' Charitable Trust, one hundred charities shared £43,649. The recipients were not the big-name charities that the Princess would support at high-profile fundraising events, but smaller, lesser-known organisations working mainly with young people at the margins of society.

"They reflected her concern for the homeless and those affected by AIDS. She was also keen to encourage innovative, often controversial ways of helping those with the most serious mental and physical disabilities.

The Princess had visited some of the charities to benefit from her generosity, others she had only read about. Many simply wrote to her asking for help and a number were introduced by close friends. Often she would decide whom she would help as she sat alone in Kensington Palace.

She once described how she sat in silence for some time, staring at pictures of Romanian youngsters who were dying of AIDS, and then asked how best she could help.



The beneficiaries: the Princess with Holly Hunt at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, and Ben Hopkin receiving physiotherapy at Bobath Cymru, Cardiff



Graham Perolls, chairman of The Eleanor Foundation Romanian Appeal, described the foundation's work to the Princess at a private reception at her home in Kensington Palace. Shortly afterwards he received a donation from the Princess. She said it was to help the charity teach medical staff in Brasov, Transylvania, how to help young people suffering from AIDS.

Mr Perolls said: "We didn't feel we could ask her to be our patron for a cause so far away, but she insisted that she wanted to help. We set up the first home hospice scheme in Romania where trained staff can help those who want to live out their final days at home."

When Bear Essentials, a small charity, decided to help fund a trip to Disneyworld for Kevin Waldron, a 13-year-old disabled boy, it turned to the Princess for help. Then Deborah Jennings, who runs the charity from her home in Pagharn, near Bognor Regis, asked if Diana could top up its fundraising to allow two boys Darren Lillywhite and James Quinn, who have cerebral palsy, to have tricycles giving them independent mobility. In all three cases the Princess sent the money that was needed.

Julia Cressy, a director of Humble Beacon Homeless Hostel, in Hull, said: "We explained that we never turned anyone away. If the beds were full then we would put people up in the lounge until we could find somewhere, and the Princess said this fitted with her views on

how to help the homeless, particularly the young. Diana twice made private visits to bed and breakfast hotels in London used by the King's Cross Homelessness Project to shelter mothers and children. Dominic Fox, its director, said: "She knew from first-hand experience just how tough and lonely it was for the youngsters. Her grant to us was used to buy art packs to give the children something to do."

Peter McArdle, who runs the St Anthony of Padua Foundation for the Disabled from his home in Herne Bay, in Kent, wrote to Diana asking for support for his work helping mothers in need. One was a wheelchair-bound woman who needed an adapted cot so she could reach her baby. Another, a pregnant woman who already had a handicapped baby, needed a specially-made pram to carry both children. In both cases the Princess sent £300.

Mr McArdle said: "It's very difficult getting money. No body else answered. The one that came up trumps for us on two occasions, a year apart, was the Princess's trust, which says something about the lady."

Sarah Bourke, fundraising co-ordinator of Cherry Trees, in Guildford, still has no idea how the Princess first heard

about the charity's work as a respite home for young people with severe learning difficulties. But the Princess sent the charity regular donations.

The Princess was anxious to let those charities she had been associated with before her divorce know that she had not forgotten them. She had been a frequent visitor to the

60 homes run by the St Matthew Society in East Anglia to help those with mental health problems return to society.

Charlie Shemall, regional organiser for Lincolnshire, said: "She was always an energetic supporter and her charity made sure she never forgot us, or those like us."

A HUNDRED GOOD CAUSES

- These are the 100 causes supported by the Princess of Wales' Charitable Trust for 1995-96, the last year records are available. Total donations were £43,649.
- St Matthew Society
 - The David Tullock Trust for Stoke Mandeville
 - Great Ormond Street Hospital
 - PHAB Wales
 - Liverpool One-Parent Families Richmond Fellowship
 - Rainbow Appeal Fund
 - Cherry Trees
 - The Rainbow Centre
 - Cellcare
 - The Scout Association Trust
 - The Children's Hospice Appeal
 - St Richard's Hospice
 - Foundation
 - North Westminster Voluntary Support Scheme
 - The British Home and Hospital for Incubated
 - Norton House, Coventry Day Centre for the Homeless Limited
 - Carroll Cressy AIDS Support Centre
 - South Somerset Domestic Violence Project
 - The St Thomas Fund for the Homeless
 - Sain Cloyd Sound
 - Mildred Mayroy House
 - Kind
 - The Special Trustees for St Thomas's Hospital
 - Handicapped Children's Action Group
 - Disabled Housing Trust
 - The Ronald Raven Chair in Clinical Oncology Trust
 - Cranshaw Trust
 - Gingerbread Wales
 - Barns Junior Glee Club
 - The Soldiers' Sailors' and Airman's Families Association
 - St Joseph's Hospice
 - Association
 - The Royal School for Deaf Children
 - This Church Army
 - Perseus
 - The Society for Counselling and Information on Miscegenation
 - Holy Cross Centre Trust
 - The Eleanor Foundation Romanian Appeal
 - King's Cross Homelessness Project
 - Children's Hospice Appeal
 - Cobden's Campbell Community Bobath Gym
 - Open Door The Barnsholme Women's Centre
 - The Popworth Trust
 - Gupeposts Trusts Limited
 - Action On Fire Escapes
 - The Science Museum
 - Working to Support Hospice Care
 - Hull Women's Aid Centre
 - Alzheimer's Disease Society
 - St Austell and Bar District Scout Council
 - Hull Faith in the City
 - Women's Link
 - Irish Cancer Society Limited
 - Hastings and Rother Crossroads Trust
 - St Luke's Trust
 - Campbell Blair Drummond
 - Cardinal Hume Centre
 - Honest Trust
 - The Cot Death Society
 - Respite Trust Fund, The U-Turn Hospital
 - RENKA
 - St John's Hospice
 - The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice
 - The Queen Elizabeth House Trust
 - The Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Development
 - One Hundred Hours
 - Bear Essentials
 - Break
 - St Richard's Hospital
 - Outset Youth Action
 - The Albarmar Centre
 - GCHA Extra Care
 - The Mary Stevens Hospice
 - Scottish Bobath Association
 - Liverpool Marie Curie Centre
 - St Anthony's Action Foundation for the Disabled
 - New Institute for Care and Adaptation for Psychophysics in Argentina
 - Guid of Disabled Homeworkers
 - Angus Special Physiotherapy 3H (Help the Handicapped Holiday Fund)
 - Handicapped Disease Association
 - International Spinal Research Trust
 - Lister Cancer Foundation
 - Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children
 - British Lung Foundation
 - Cranshaw Trust
 - Foundation
 - British Deaf Association
 - Freshfield Service
 - Crossroads, Oxford Branch
 - Lukasaria Research Appeal for Wales
 - Barnsley and District Dystonia
 - Diabetes Foundation
 - Global Cancer Concern
 - Parkinson's Disease Society
 - The National Music and Disability Information Service
 - English National Ballet
 - Harfield Hospital
 - Headway National Head Injuries Association
 - Bernardo's

Paris hotels offer 'last trip' tours

PARIS hotels have begun offering "Princess Diana discounts" and French tour operators are arranging guided tours of the last trip taken by her limousine in an effort to cash in on the anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, later this month.

"In memory of Lady Di, this hotel is pleased to collaborate at the first Diana anniversary. From August 15 to 31, we decided to do a special price of £700 (£70) per person to the people from England."

The hotel, on the Left Bank, claims in dubious written English: "Because thousands of people are still going every day to the Alma, we have to contribute to this day unforgettable." A special tour of

the last trip of Diana, from the Ritz to the Alma bridge is included in the price of a room. The offer may well be the first of many efforts to merchandise the anniversary of the tragedy. A company called Bonjour France is also offering tours covering the route taken by the Princess's Mercedes from the Ritz to the Place Vendôme through the tunnel beneath the Pont de l'Alma. The tour will then pause at the "Flame of Liberty", the sculpture above the tunnel that has become an unofficial shrine to the Princess, before moving on to view the apartment where she and Dodi Fayed were heading. Tourists will then be bused along the route taken by the ambulance to La Pitié Salpêtrière hospital, where the Princess died on August 31. The bus tour costs £15

per passenger; those who want to replicate the trip as closely as possible can try "a Mercedes limousine with chauffeur and guide" for \$500. "It is exactly the same model of Mercedes as the one in the accident," Emile Cacciari, one of the tour organisers, said proudly. M Cacciari said that no French people had raised any objections to the tour. "It's very important, and many people ask us how they can get to the spot where the accident took place. The French understand the pain of the English, and the Americans are also very moved. Eighty per cent of them want to see the site." He added: "It's a tour like any other. People want to go to see the tomb of the Empress Josephine at Malmaison, so why not a Diana tour?"

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Couple confined girl aged five in filthy room for 15 months

A COUPLE shut their five-year-old daughter in an unfurnished room, boarded up the door and windows and kept her there in appalling conditions for 15 months, a court heard yesterday.

The parents were jailed for six months for cruelty to the girl, who was wearing a soiled nappy and could barely speak when eventually rescued.

In a report to Cardiff Crown Court a consultant paediatrician described it as "the worst case of gross emotional deprivation I have ever met in my 18 years in the job". Social workers had been aware of the little girl's plight but had failed to take action.

The court heard that the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was confined between the ages of three and five. Leuan Bennett, for the prosecution, said the girl was first discovered shut up in the room in May 1996.

Mr Bennett said: "During a routine visit in May 1996, a social worker noted the youngest daughter was missing. When she went to investigate she found the girl in the room. The door to the bedroom had been removed and wooden boards had been nailed across it up to the height of 5ft.

"Conditions were filthy in contrast with the rest of the house which was very well appointed. Her brothers and sisters were kept in comfort.

"It seems the parents singled out their youngest daughter for this treatment and she was made into a scapegoat."

All the windows except for a tiny skylight had been boarded up and the only furnishing in the room was a dirty mattress. The walls were caked with faeces, there was no carpet on the floor and the parents did not let her have any toys.

The court heard social workers made regular visits to the house in Caerphilly, near Cardiff, and conditions began to improve. Mr Bennett said:

Parents jailed for six months after failure of social services, reports Simon de Bruxelles

"Over the next six months the boards on the door and windows were removed and a baby-gate was put up instead. However, for some reason, the visits stopped for eight months and when social worker Mariene Anderson visited the home in August 1997 she found the room had returned to its original form.

"The doors and windows were again boarded up and the room smelt heavily of urine and faeces. The child was in the room, whimpering and crying 'drink, drink'."

"Again there was only a filthy mattress and no toys. She was dressed in a baby-grow suit which had been turned inside out so she couldn't take it off. She was wearing a nappy which she had soiled."

The parents, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the child, were eventually arrested in August last year. They told police they had boarded up the room for the girl's own safety to stop her wandering around the house.

Mr Bennett said: "The officer asked the father if there was a way of opening the boards. The father replied 'This is how you open it' and began punching and kicking the boards."

When asked why they had done it, the mother told Miss Anderson: "I wouldn't keep the worst baby in the world in these conditions but what can

I do? She just crawls everywhere. What's a mother supposed to do?"

The couple burst into tears as they were each jailed for six months after admitting child cruelty. Judge Christopher Morton told them: "You caged your daughter in that room and left her in a very distressed state."

"She suffered profound and prolonged neglect at your hands. But you are intellectually limited and your other children need you so the sentence is much shorter than it would otherwise have been."

The girl has since been toilet trained and is now speaking normally after being placed with foster parents.

Dewi Evans, of the Singleton Hospital in Swansea, said: "I am mightily unimpressed with social services and the way in which they have cared for this little girl over the past years. The social workers on the scene compiled full and accurate reports. However, the management appears ad hoc and piecemeal."

The social services department responsible for the care of the girl blamed a previous local administration for not acting to protect her. Caerphilly County Borough Council took over from the former Mid Glamorgan County Council on April 1, 1996.

Chris Lawrence, Caerphilly County Borough Council's director of social services and housing, said: "This case came to light as a result of these actions by Caerphilly County Borough Council. It was as a result of this change in management culture that appropriate action was finally taken."

A report produced earlier this year referred to a management culture in one district of the former Mid Glamorgan which discouraged front line social workers from pursuing child protection inquiries. Caerphilly County Borough Council is having to deal with the legacy of these problems."



A pot flagon found at the site near Ashford: archaeologists have removed more than 3,000 artefacts

Housing project uncovers lost Roman market town

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A ROMAN town has been discovered on farmland near Ashford, Kent, by builders making trial excavations for a housing development.

The town, previously unknown, appears to have covered 25 acres with hundreds of houses around a crossroads. The size and layout were calculated from magnetic measurements of the soil, which can show any evidence of disturbance.

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit also dug 23 trenches, and removed more than 3,000 artefacts. Brian Philp, director of the excavation, said: "It was clearly a market town and a stopping place for long-distance travellers. It seems to have consisted of large areas of timber-framed buildings, resembling a frontier town at the very edge of the great Wealden forest which stretched westwards for over 80 miles."

The unit is keeping the

GLIMPSE OF A PAST LIFE

SMALL settlements such as the one at Ashford were the backbone of the Roman settlement of Britain (Nigel Hawkes and Norman Hammond write).

The 'Ambriges' of their day, they were occupied by shopkeepers, tavernkeepers and artisans such as farmers, wheelwrights and carpenters. Comparatively few had been identified in Kent, and it is surprising that it has taken two centuries of organised archaeology to find this one.

Only rarely do these settlements have a name. An exception is Stroudwater in Hertfordshire, where the colliery was named after the town. When the site was excavated in 1960, the archaeologists discovered a small site containing a

precise area of the town secret to discourage treasure-hunters. During the excavations and geophysical surveys more than 800 individual features were found, including enclosures, pits, ditches, post-holes and hollows. The roads were easily defined by drainage ditches which ran alongside, and in one place two layers of metal-tinged soil were found.

A large ditched enclosure lay at the north of the settlement, and there are also areas of likely industrial activity, such as hearths or kilns. The geophysical survey showed that the roads were flanked with rectangular enclosures which appear to be house plots.

Only one of these was excavated, and it was found to contain a substantial timber-framed structure.

The town was occupied

from soon after the Roman conquest until it was finally abandoned in the 4th century. The large enclosure appears to occupy the actual junction of two major roads, one running southwest from Canterbury to the Weald, and another running westward from the coast towards Maidstone.

As a Roman settlement, Ashford lacked grandeur, Mr Philp said. "When it was abandoned in the 4th century, the buildings gradually rotted and collapsed and the site disappeared under trees and bushes, where it remained lost for the next 1,600 years."

The discovery persuaded the developers of the site, Wilcon Homes, not to build where they had originally intended, which is in fact the main area of the Roman town, but to exchange it for another area not originally included in the plans. Roads running through the site will be raised to a higher level to avoid damage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers demand silence

Farmers called yesterday for picnics, kite-flying and "any activities generating noise" to be banned on land opened to public access under measures being considered by the Government.

Kate Ashbrook, of the Ramblers' Association, accused farmers of being selfish and small-minded. The farmers were responding to a proposal to open up 3.5 million acres to the public.

Unhealthy drug

One in six patients is being given antibiotics for viral infections such as colds that do not respond to them, a survey by *Health Watch* reveals. The BMA said: "Some good may come out of this if it helps to ease the pressure from patients for antibiotics."

Into thin air

Police fear that a new trend in car crime could be imported from America. Up to 600 air bags a week are stolen in the US. So far there are no figures for thefts in Britain but motor industry executives regard it as a growing problem. *Autocar* magazine reports.

Editor dropped

John Mulholland, the former editor of *The Guardian* media section who was hired to change *The Sporting Life* into a general sports daily, has been dismissed by the Mirror Group. A new editor is being sought for the paper's delayed relaunch.

Poet honoured

Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate, has been appointed a member of the Order of Merit. The appointment of Hughes, 68, brings the Order, which is in the personal gift of the Queen, to its full complement of 24. The Order was founded in 1902 by Edward VII.

Long-lost love

A love letter written by a Cambridge don in the 17th century has gone on display in Sidney Sussex College's library after being discovered, covered in mouse droppings, by Doug Larkin, a workman who was trying to repair a leaky bath.

Stunt rider injured in fall under Tube train

A MAN who fell into the path of a Tube train while attempting a cycling stunt was in a critical condition last night.

The 20-year-old man had sped into the ticket hall and bumped down the stairs on his mountain bike. However, he missed the last step and skidded off the platform into an oncoming Piccadilly Line train at Barons Court.

Bill Marsh, 78, a newspaper seller who saw the incident, said the man was saved from death by his bike, which stopped him from being dragged under the wheels. He said: "He cycled straight under a train, the driver didn't have a chance to stop."

"I think the bike saved his life. Three carriages went over him, but his bike protected him from the train wheels. Without it, he would definitely have been killed."

An air ambulance, four fire engines and two ambulances were sent to the scene. Surrounding roads were sealed off for more than two hours after the accident.

Mr Marsh added: "The paramedics were down on the platform with the boy for an hour. Then the police came up and said, 'Look away if you don't want to see him.' He was strapped to a stretcher and obviously unconscious." Station staff refused to talk about the incident.

Bullied girl committed suicide, coroner rules

By Stewart Tandler

A SCHOOLGIRL who was tormented and bullied for being overweight committed suicide with a massive overdose of painkillers, an inquest decided yesterday.

Kelly Yeomans, 13, was called Fat, Tramp and Slowmans by other children for more than two years, the Derby coroner was told yesterday. Days before she died her family home had been pelted with eggs, butter and stones.

The schoolgirl was found dead by her father in her bedroom last September. The inquest was told that she had 13 times the minimum lethal dosage of the drug, co-proxamol, in her blood after she swallowed 40 pills normally used by her mother for a knee complaint.

Mrs Yeomans said that in the nights preceding her daughter's death the family had been the target of a number of attacks. Eggs had been thrown the front door of their home in Allenton, Derby, and Kelly and her sister Sarah had been verbally abused.

Mrs Yeomans said that Kelly was teased at her school and had been assaulted, on one occasion having her new glasses smashed by a bully. On another occasion her new trainers had been thrown into a bin, along with her school bag. Mrs Yeomans said she had been to the school to complain 30 times but nothing



Kelly was bullied about her weight

you Dad". Mr Yeomans added: "She said that every night but there was one thing she forgot. She always said, 'See you in the morning.' That night she never said that."

When police searched Kelly's room after her death, they found a note written by the teenager claiming that her mother and sister were picking on her. Mrs Yeomans said: "She may have thought this was the case, but all we were trying to do was to help her. I loved my daughter."

One of Kelly's tormentors told the court how he would often verbally abuse her because she was "odd". She wore unfashionable clothes and was introverted, the 17-year-old claimed.

Peter Ashworth, the Derby coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide. He said there were three factors why Kelly chose to end her life: teasing and harassment at school, bullying in the streets, and her home situation.

He described Kelly as a particularly vulnerable girl who would have been deeply upset by the verbal abuse she suffered. "On the spur of the moment she decided she had had enough and decided to take her life."

After Kelly's death five youths aged between 13 and 17 were given attendance centre orders by Derby magistrates after admitting causing intentional harassment to the Yeomans.

Knock seeks to close the door

Audrey Magee on travellers who are unwanted at international shrine

CLERGY and shopkeepers at Knock, the Roman Catholic shrine, are seeking to force out 350 travellers who have set up home in the public car park.

The travellers, in 50 mobile homes, have draped washing lines across statues and turned the once pristine West of Ireland shrine into a mess. The clergy, shopkeepers, Gardaí and council want them out before the weekend when 200,000 pilgrims are expected for annual devotions to the Virgin Mary.

"Everybody is welcome in Knock but we can not tolerate what is going on," said a Church spokesman. "Pilgrims are moving out, terrified of being robbed. Those who come are being intimidated by beggars who will not accept 10p but demand £5 and £10."

About 20 traveller families arrived last week at the camping ground. When more followed, they all moved into the council-owned car park.

John Kelly, chairman of the Knock Development Association, said: "Two thirds of the car park is filled with these caravans. Last night we had fighting on the streets. This is not conducive to an international shrine."

Travellers, often very religious people, make annual pilgrimages to Knock, but never before have they come in such numbers or set up home in the car park. Some of the travellers, particularly the women, are praying every day but most are using it as a base to sell carpets and furniture to people in Mayo.

Patrick Healy, one of the travellers, said that they wanted to stay in Knock until after Sunday's special day of prayer. He has offered up to £2,000 to farmers willing to accommodate the travellers. To date, he has not found a farmer to take up his offer.

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Avengers are keeping out of the picture

Film and stars are absent from launch intended to revive heroic TV duo, reports Carol Midgley

IT WAS all jolly strange. A celebrity launch of a £40 million film version of *The Avengers* went ahead last night about the stars who play the old British television heroes. The stranger was the absence of the film itself. In a highly unusual move, Warner Brothers has decided to dispense with the tradition of a gala premiere for its summer blockbuster, and will release the film worldwide on Friday without a single critic having seen it. There have been no official previews or screenings and the film's production has been shrouded in secrecy, amid rumours that there have been last-minute, ditching problems. Warner says it is because it wants the public to see the film first. Experts, however, believe the studio knows the film will be panned by critics. Asked why the stars had declined to come to its British launch at a West London nightclub, a Warner spokeswoman said: "It is not that they didn't want to come. Uma Thurman has just had a baby and Ralph Fiennes is in Budapest filming his next project."

Thurman plays Emma Peel, the role originally made famous by Dame Diana Rigg, and James plays dapper hero John Steed, originally played by Patrick Macnee. In the film set in swinging 1960s London, Sean Connery is cast as the villain, Sir August De Wynter. One film expert said: "There has been tons of advertising and trailers, but the critics are effectively being bamboozled by massing opinion before it goes out. It all seems highly suspicious. It suggests Warner don't have a lot of confidence in their product." Jeff Kaye, European bureau chief of the *Hollywood Reporter*, added: "Traditionally, this is a strategy used to bypass the reviewers when they know they have got a stinker on their hands. They try to get as many writers as possible to see it before word of mouth gets round. Films can survive a critical



Long-distance call: Uma Thurman, in a scene as Emma Peel, is at home with her new baby, while her co-star, Ralph Fiennes, is said to be filming in Budapest

pasting of word of mouth attracts viewers. *Bean*, adapted from *Mr Bean*, with Rowan Atkinson, was panned by critics but still made more than \$200 million worldwide. *Batman*, which also received some poor reviews, grossed \$400 million. Last year Warner Brothers took legal action against the *Daily Mail* over a report suggesting that executives had been unimpressed by *The Avengers*. In the adventure, Sized and Mrs Peel set out to defeat the evil Sir August's plot to play havoc with the British weather. According to the US critic Harry Knowles, who runs a maverick Internet film magazine on his *Ain't It Cool* website, the few who have seen the film in test screenings have not liked it: "The preview audiences hated the film. One guy claimed he loved the original *Avengers* series, but couldn't stand the new movie." Some of these audiences' verdicts have been posted on Knowles's website. One alleged that, at a test screening in Phoenix, Arizona, "nine out of ten people hated the film".

A recent contributor to the website said he had attended a trade screening of *The Avengers*, and added: "The movie is really abysmal. Its incoherence is matched only by the utter lack of enthusiasm by any of the actors. If Ralph Fiennes underplayed Steed anymore than he already does, he would disappear altogether." Boyd Farrow, the editor of *Screen International*, said: "Not having press screenings is done very, very rarely. The last time it happened with a big film was with *The Scarlet Letter* [starring Demi Moore], which sank like a stone." At last night's party, at the Leopard Lounge in Putnam, Suggs, former signer with Madness, performed alongside Utah Saints and Roni Size. Guests included Grace Jones, John Cleese, Malcolm McLaren, Denise Van Outen, Emma Noble and James Major.

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The TV originals Diana Rigg and Patrick Macnee

Desert rock is confirmed as a Martian invader

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A METEORITE that had been sitting in the Sahara for 40,000 years originated on Mars, researchers from the Open University declared yesterday.

That could make its owner a very rich man, because Martian meteorites have become extremely valuable since scientists from the US space agency Nasa suggested two years ago that they had found signs of life in one.

The 2.2-kilogram meteorite, whose owner has not been named, could be worth about £1.4 million, some estimates suggest. It is only the 13th such meteorite out of 30,000 in

for further analysis. All the other 12 are owned by the US Government or museums, including the Natural History Museum in London.

The meteorites were formed when a comet or asteroid collided with Mars at least a million years ago, "splashing" rock into space. The fact that it has been weathering in the Sahara for 40,000 years means that it is unlikely to advance the question of whether there is, or has been, life on Mars. The sample will have become contaminated with Earth-based life, so any evidence would be equivocal at best.

The claim that another Mars meteorite, Allen Hills 84001, contains evidence of life has divided the scientific community since it was first advanced in August 1996. The majority has always been sceptical, but Professor Pilling is optimistic.

He said: "I think the conditions on Mars are far more appropriate than we thought they were maybe five years ago. We certainly know now there was water trickling around Mars, and water is the essential condition for life."

Ian Wright, a researcher, said: "Clearly we won't ever be looking for any advanced forms of life, but in the microscopic record, there could be a rich variety of things."

Most people believe the controversy will be settled only by going to Mars and collecting samples. Professor Pilling is a leading supporter of one such project that aims to put a robot explorer on the surface of the planet in 2003.



Alien meteorite could be worth more than £1m

collections around the world that can be proved to have originated on Mars.

The team established that oxygen trapped inside a section weighing 0.15g, which it was given to examine, had a particular composition that identified it as originating from Mars. The leader, Professor Colin Pilling, said yesterday that he was "absolutely sure" of its origins.

Lucky 13, which is the size of a grapefruit, is the only meteorite known to be from Mars in private hands and the scientific community hopes it can get hold of a small chunk

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Peril grows from town with mink under its feet

Adrian Lee reports on how 3,000 escaped predators are spreading out

THERE were mink in the dustbins, mink in a dog kennel and a pub, even a mink in a bedroom, as 3,000 vicious little predators fanned out around a New Forest community yesterday. Police warned parents that young children should not be left alone, and especially that babies should not be left unguarded in prams.



Predator and prey: meeting the man from the ministry

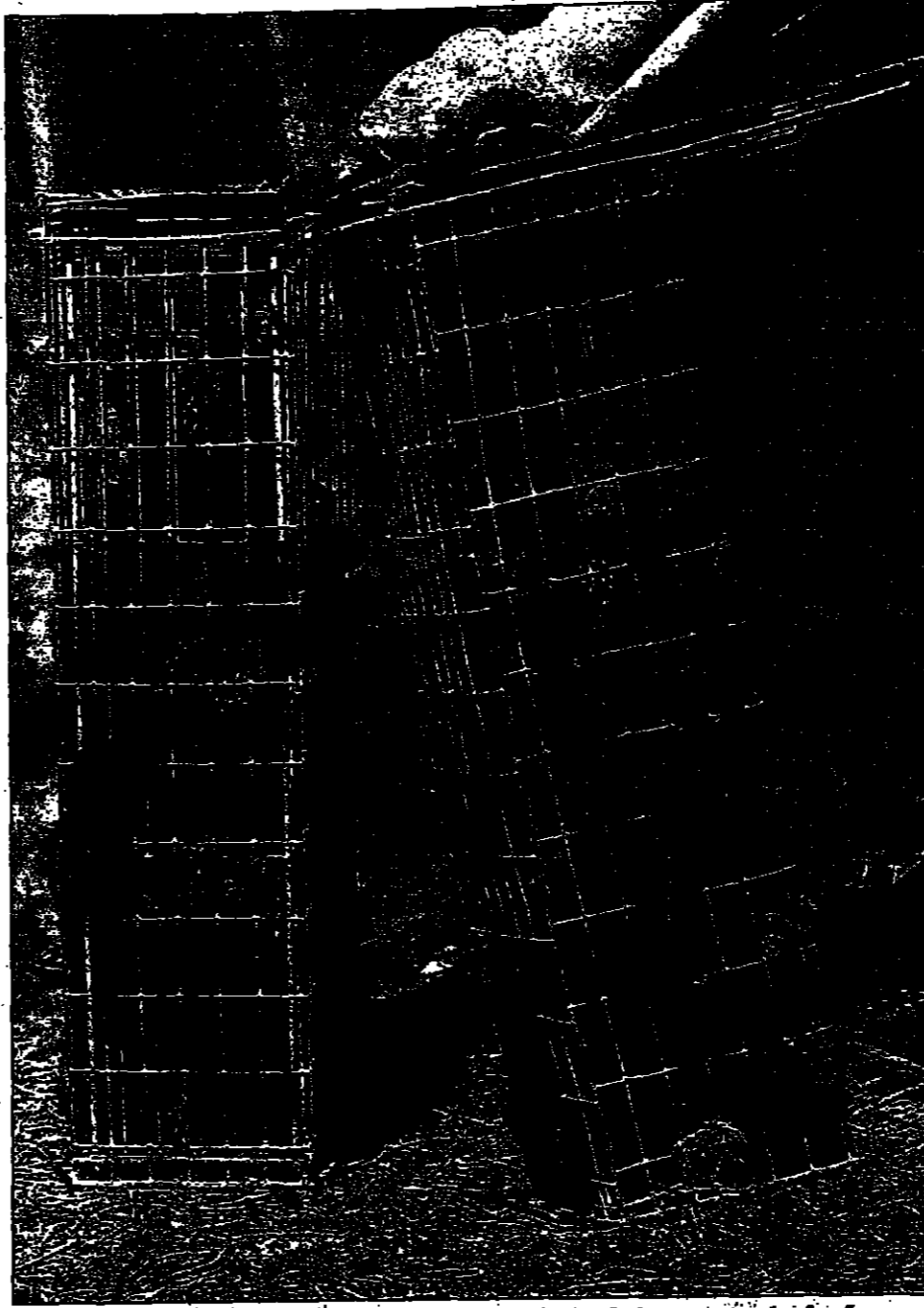
"The mink are everywhere," said PC Rob Ellis, a wildlife liaison officer with Hampshire Police. "You name it, they have been there." The police were hosting an emergency meeting of landowners and government and conservation agencies to discuss strategy as the mink enjoyed their third day of freedom since being released from a Ringwood fur farm by animal-rights activists. It was clear they were adapting well. One mink played between the green wellingtons of John Walsh, from the Ministry of Agriculture, as he spoke to me. He was there to advise on the siting of 20 steel-mesh traps provided by his department, but he pointed out: "The ministry used to employ trappers to try to get rid of mink, but they were catching so few they gave up. They are very adaptable. They can climb, they can swim and, at this time of year, they

have plentiful food. I think their chances of surviving in the wild are very good." A few of the mink have made their own way back to the Crow Hill fur farm to a welcoming meal of dead chicken. Most are still believed to be within a five-mile radius, but one was reported nine miles away, towards Southampton. A pensioner's cat became the first domestic fatality yesterday, and a gamekeeper on the Bisterne estate shot a mink that had killed 19 young pheasants in a pen. The warning issued by police said: "Members of the public must be very careful of these animals, particularly in wooded areas. Young children, especially babies in prams, should not be left

alone, certainly not outside houses in the vicinity of Ringwood. Mink are extremely nasty, particularly when cornered, and they go for the throat. This can be particularly hard for parents, considering the hot weather, but the mink are entering houses." One householder who found a mink at home trapped it in an upstairs bedroom until someone from the fur farm came to collect it. There is no reward for the mink. Their pelts will not be mature until the autumn, when each will be worth £10 to £30. They can be killed legitimately in the wild, but capturing them for fur production would be illegal without a licence. It takes up to 60 to make a coat. By yesterday evening, fewer

than 50 more had been recaptured, or shot, outside the farm's perimeter. Police rejected offers from hunt groups to join the search, fearing they would attract saboteurs. Farmers are blasting the mink with shotguns. "What else can we do?" said Frank Brewer, head gamekeeper on the 4,000-acre Bisterne estate and the man who shot the mink that killed 19 birds. "I am putting traps down around the pens, but they won't stop the mink climbing in."

He felt more could have been done on the first day to contain the mink. His neighbour's chickens were also attacked. "From what I have seen, the mink are doing pretty well." When established, the mink breed in March and it is feared that they will quickly saturate the area. Rare water voles on the River Avon are thought to be at risk. The Animal Liberation Front tried yesterday to deny that the influx would harm local wildlife. Robin Webb, a spokesman, said: "Many of the mink are going to die. At least they will have had a taste of freedom. Some will survive and be able to live in a natural way. If they had remained, all would have been killed simply to make fur coats."



Captured: two cages of mink, caught live, ready for their return to the fur farm

Bathers cover up to avoid shell cuts

By Tim Jones

HOLIDAYMAKERS took to the sea in old trainers and jelly shoes yesterday to avoid the danger of being cut by hidden razor shells on Devon beaches.

After Sunday, when more than 130 people emerged bleeding from the sea at Presto and Paignton beaches in Torbay, signs warned people against the danger of swimming or paddling barefoot. Torbay council staff handed out hundreds of notices telling people of the risks. They were warned in particular to take precautions during the afternoon low tide.

Because of unusually low spring tides, people have been able to paddle out much further than normal, where the razor clams have been congregating in unusual numbers. The council also heaped small piles of the shells, near the warning notices so people could be aware of what to avoid.

Tony Hodgekiss, the council's chief executive, said the crowds heading for the beaches indicated that people had not been frightened into staying away. "The water is quite safe and we are asking people to take simple precautions by putting something on their feet," he said. "Once the shells are broken they are sharp and dangerous and must be avoided."

Workers were too tall to pluck chickens

By Simon de Bruxelles

TWO men who were turned down for jobs plucking chickens because they were too tall were victims of sexual discrimination, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Lincoln Dodd, a 6ft 8in rugby player, and Barry Sele, 6ft 2in, were rejected by the American-owned Sun Valley Foods, which said that their height would make it difficult for them to work on the production line. The pair, who have both worked for the poultry and meat-packing firm in the past, are claiming sex discrimination on the grounds that more men than women would fail to meet the company's height requirement.

Mr Sele, 21, said he was astonished to be told during a pre-employment medical that he was too tall for the job. He said: "The nurse asked me how tall I was. She said they had just brought in guidelines saying they were not accepting people of a certain height. I was not measured, apart from my overall height. I was very upset when I did not get the job."

The tribunal in Hereford, which was told that Sun Valley rejected applicants over 6ft 5in and referred those between 6ft 3in and 6ft 5in to its occupational health centre. The company argued that the policy was intended to screen out people with long spines as they were more likely to suffer from back problems. But both men told the hearing that they had previously worked at the poultry-packing plant in Hereford without difficulty.

Phil Heinrich, founder of the Tall Persons' Club of Great Britain and Ireland, said the company had discriminated against men. Mr Heinrich, 6ft 8in, said applying any form of height limit would affect more men than women. He added: "Perhaps 40 to 80 times as many men would be rejected. Men are taller than women generally and if you judge purely by height you are going to discriminate against men." Outside the hearing, which is expected to last two days, Mr Heinrich said the outcome of the case would have far-reaching implications for tall people throughout Britain, in particular since the population was becoming taller.

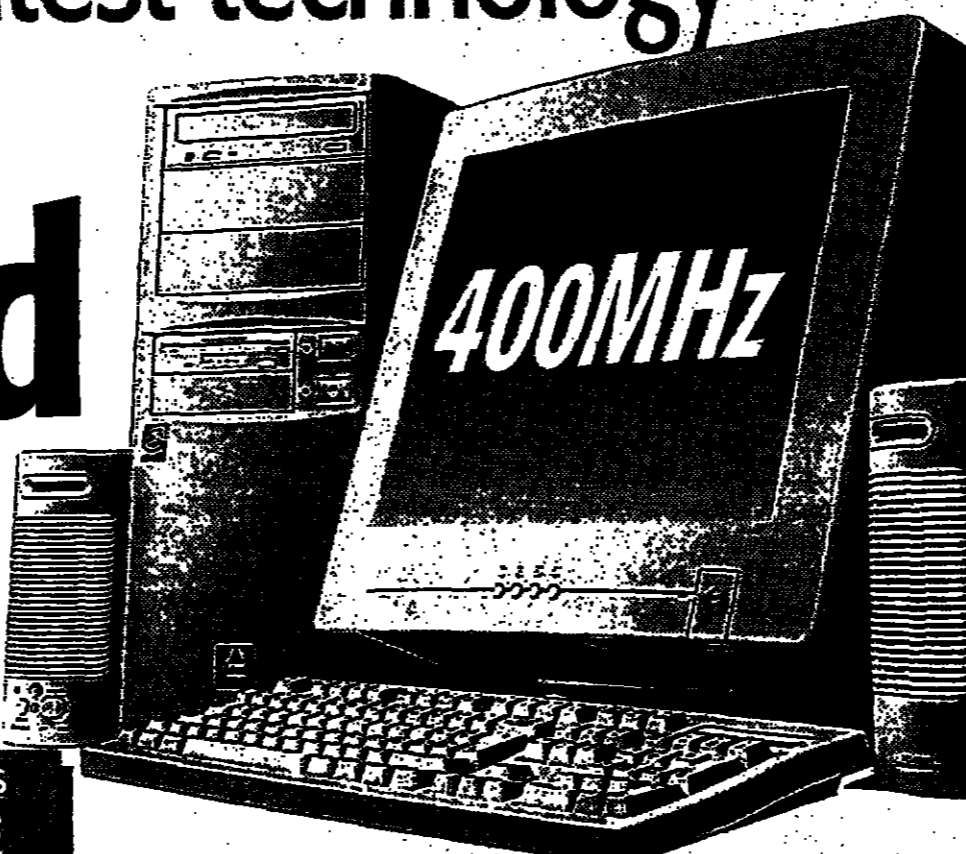
Sun Valley is owned by the US multinational Cargill and is Hereford's largest employer. Among its customers for pre-packed and processed meals are Tesco and McDonald's. Before the hearing, a Sun Valley spokesman said the company was acting in a responsible manner in attempting to avoid injury to its employees. He said: "If you are more than 6ft 5in, it is likely you are so tall that you will damage yourself doing the job." The hearing continues.

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ON THE eve of the grouse-shooting season, sporting estate owners are bracing themselves for a dismal start. The wet weather has wiped out thousands of young birds and the strength of the pound has discouraged some foreign visitors from making their annual trip to the grouse moors. Already several parties from abroad have cancelled bookings worth up to £2,000 a day to the estate owners. According to the Scottish Landowners' Federation, the absence of paying guests and the shortage of birds guarantee a poor season. "A lot of people will not be shooting at all this year," a spokesman said. "The only estates that might manage a reasonable season are on high ground in the Highlands, where the situation is slightly better."

her of grouse. Gamekeepers report finding hens drowned on their nests and thousands of dead chicks. Jamie Williamson, owner of the Alvie estate in Highland, said: "We had a good stock of birds going into the winter but, once the chicks were all hatched, we had ten days of torrential rain, sleet and snow, which wiped them out. Normally we shoot about 500 brace. Probably we will get about half of that this year." The last good grouse-shooting season was in 1975. There are now about 300 grouse moors in Scotland, compared with 500 ten years ago. In 1989 the industry north of the border generated almost £10 million and supported about 2,300 full-time jobs. By 1994 the income had dropped to £3 million and the number of jobs had fallen to 1,250. This year the season, which runs until December 31, is expected to bring in £5 million at most and provide fewer than 1,000 jobs.

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Ramsgate once played host to royalty, but then became cockney day trip, writes

John Young

ON THE harbourfront at Ramsgate, just in front of the clockhouse which is now the maritime museum, stands a 30ft obelisk. The inscription reveals that it was erected in 1821 by the town's inhabitants and visitors, and by the directors and trustees of the harbour, as "a grateful record of His Majesty's [George IV's] gracious condescension" in choosing to embark from the port on a visit to Hanover, where, it will be recalled, he had family connections.

Today people travelling to Ramsgate to catch the ferry to France might see it as just another seaside resort a bit down on its luck. But Ramsgate is a lot grander than that and, if it doesn't live entirely in its past, it certainly cherishes it.

Designated by Richard III as a "limb" of the Cinque Port of Sandwich, it grew steadily in importance, first as a fishing village, then as a port and later still as a fashionable resort for the wealthy and famous. George's Queen Caroline took a fancy to the place, and Victoria stayed there several times as a girl with her mother.

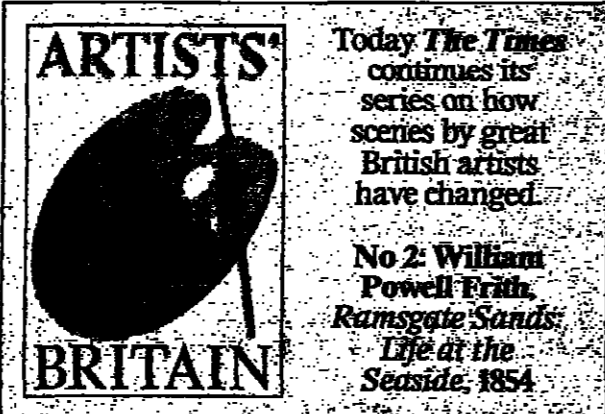
Other notable visitors included Jane Austen, Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen and the painters Reynolds and Turner. Vincent Van Gogh worked there as a language teacher and Wilkie Collins wrote *The Woman in White* while living at 14 Nelson Crescent. Augustus Pugin designed St Augustine's Church and the Grange next door, where he lived for the last ten years of his life.

The town's Georgian and Regency heyday is recalled by several elegant squares, crescents and terraces. Wellington Crescent was erected on the site of the parade ground used by troops embarking for the Napoleonic Wars, and it was from Ramsgate nearly a century and a half later that the main fleet of "little ships" set sail for Dunkirk.

By 1851, when William Powell Frith spent his summer holiday in the town, the rapid development of the railways meant that it was attracting a much broader range of visitors. There were inevitably those who deplored the invasion of crowds from London, but Frith was not among them. "The variety of character on Ramsgate Sands attracted me," he wrote. "All sorts and conditions of men and women were there. Pretty groups of ladies were to be found reading, idling, work-



Rich and poor rubbing shoulders at the water's edge, as depicted by William Frith in 1854. In today's equivalent scene, the tip of the obelisk can be seen behind the Casino nightspot



panorama could be described as the visual equivalent of a Dickensian novel.

Today the obelisk and the clock tower are partly obscured by a featureless white building with a hideous blue-green roof that houses the Casino nightspot. The bathing tents have long gone and the seawater baths are an amusement arcade. Just above the beach, construction crews are at work on a marine esplanade, partly funded by the European Union which has designated the Isle of Thanet as a development area.

But the sands are still golden and fairly litter-free, and seagulls swoop over a surprisingly clear blue sea. A large and bustling marina has been developed and costumed guides introduce tourists to the town's history.

With its heritage and architecture, Ramsgate has a decidedly more upmarket appeal than some newer, brasher resorts. The marina attracts many small-boat sailors from the Continent, who provide something of a cosmopolitan flavour. Victoria, one suspects, would have been pleasantly surprised.

Ramsgate Sands: Life at the Seaside is on display at an exhibition, *The Quest for Albion: Monarchy and the Patronage of British Painting, at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, until October 11.* □ NEXT: *Pitties Fair*, by Sir David Wilkie

ing and unconsciously forming themselves into very paintable compositions."

The result is a wonderfully entertaining depiction of Victorian England at play. There were those who affected to find it distasteful; one critic called it "a piece of vulgar cockney business", which goes to show that there were at least as many pompous asses then as now.

The public knew better. When the painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy it was not only a huge popular success but found a ready purchaser in none other than the Queen, who, remembering her happy girlhood days at the seaside, persuaded her beloved Albert that they should fork out the princely sum of 1,000 guineas to acquire it for the Royal Collection. Its success inspired Frith to go on to

paint the equally popular *Derby Day* in 1858 and *The Railway Station* in 1862. Each repays careful observation for the wealth of detail, colour and humour within.

The beach, the racecourse and the station were all places where the social classes intermingled. In *Ramsgate Sands* the "respectable" people appear to have brought their own — or, more likely, the hotels' — furniture down to the sands, and one gentleman is absorbed by his newspaper, ostentatiously oblivious to the noise and activity around him.

But not far from the group of young ladies attired in their holiday best are some unmistakably tougher eggs. A girl paddles, a younger one plays with what is presumably her parents' telescope, and a minstrel group provides musical entertainment. The whole



ASHLEY COOMBS

Parachutist crashes to avoid crowd at festival

AN ARMY parachutist crashed to the ground at high speed as thousands of spectators looked on.

Timothy Wallace, 25, an officer in the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment, suffered two compound fractures and two damaged vertebrae in the fall at the annual Leeds Meala festival on Sunday.

Although his parachute had opened correctly, Mr Wallace, from Dale Barracks, Chester, hit the ground as he tried to adjust his risers on the descent to the main arena at Roundhay Park to avoid landing amid the crowd of spectators. He was taking part in a two-man freefall display from 5,000ft.

He is understood to have hit the ground on his bottom and bounced. He remained fully conscious as St John Ambulance volunteers attended to him. He was reported to be in a stable and comfortable condition in hospital last night.

Memo to Bar Council admits 'ludicrous' fees

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SOME barristers are claiming "ludicrously" high legal aid fees, a secret report prepared for the Bar Council has admitted.

They have claimed cash to which they are not entitled and some QCs have found that junior barristers working with them are putting in claims for huge sums.

The admission was made in a secret memorandum sent to members of the Bar Council's professional standards committee, which is preparing a response to the Government's high-profile campaign against legal aid fees earned by barristers. Mark Stobbs, head of professional standards at the Bar Council, says in the memo there are "anecdotal accounts of barristers claiming fees where they do not appear entitled to do so, or of silks discovering that their juniors are claiming ludicrously high amounts".

His memo adds: "One barrister sent in a response to the

Inland Revenue... indicating that he always inflated his fees knowing that they would be taxed down." The memo, disclosed in *The Lawyer* magazine, was sent as the Bar Council prepares a response to the drive by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, who wants to see a crackdown on overcharging.

A list of about 20 barristers, whose fees have been heavily cut, has been given to the Bar Council by the Lord Chancellor's Department. The list, which has not been made public, is made up largely of barristers whose claims for legal aid work was cut by at least 50 per cent by officials in the department.

The Bar is considering making it a professional rule requiring barristers to "blow the whistle" on any colleague known to be submitting excessive claims. It is also studying whether to make it a disciplinary offence for barristers to overcharge by 50 per cent or

more and to make barristers produce detailed work schedules for their cases.

A barrister found breaching the discipline code could be fined or suspended from practising. At present barristers who claim excessive fees can be disciplined only if they have been dishonest or breach legal aid regulations.

A statement from the Bar Council warned: "Any barrister who deliberately overclaims for legal aid work is bringing the profession into disrepute and we have always made clear that such practice is totally unacceptable. We will not let the actions of any such barrister be used to undermine the Legal Aid system which underpins justice."

Under existing rules barristers put in a claim for legal aid work to the Lord Chancellor's Department based on preparation, type of case and days in court.

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Flying reminder on safe holiday sex

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG people are to be given a safe-sex message on charter aircraft taking them to their breaks in the sun. The dangers of a casual holiday romance are to be highlighted just as the plane is landing and all the passengers are strapped in their seats.

The Health Education Authority hopes that the video-screen message, along with a voiceover on the loud-speaker, will ensure that holidaymak-

ers take more care. A second message for the return journey will offer advice for those worried that they have picked up a sexual infection. Over the next three months, the authority expects to get its message over to more than six million travellers in this way, 250,000 of them young people.

The campaign is being launched after a survey showed that almost one in six people aged 18-32 has had sex with a new partner on holiday and that only half used a condom. Only one in eight thought that the danger of HIV

infection was an issue for travellers. While 83 per cent of travel brochures recommend insurance, 69 per cent give advice on immunisation and 45 per cent warn about sun exposure, only 3 per cent give advice on safe sex.

Club 18-30 said that, for the past seven years, it had provided safe-sex advice to travellers, including a voucher entitling them to free condoms.

The authority is also distributing posters to nightclubs, reminding young people to include condoms in their holiday luggage.

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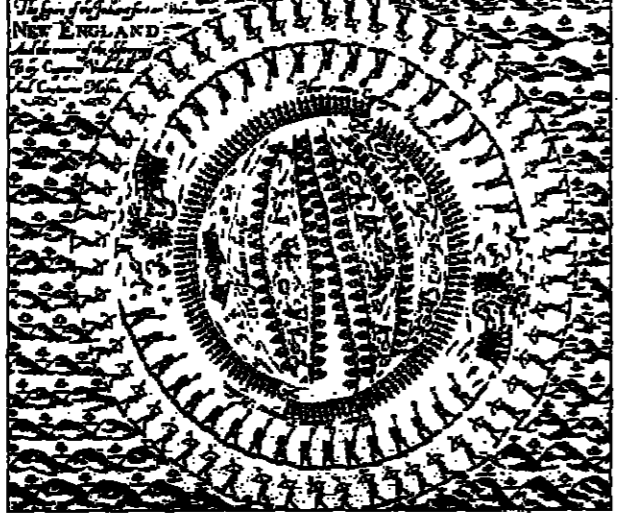
Hottest month fuels fear on global warming

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

ALTHOUGH it may not have felt like it in Britain, July was the world's hottest month since records began, according to figures released by the White House yesterday.

Vice-President Al Gore, who disclosed the new data, said it was a clear indication of global warming, evidence for which was rising "even faster than the thermometers".

The figures, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, show that the average global temperature last month was 16.5C (61.7F), about 0.7C above normal for July. This was almost 0.3C higher than the previous hottest month - July last year.



A 1637 engraving depicting an English attack on a Pequot fort, one of the artefacts in the new museum

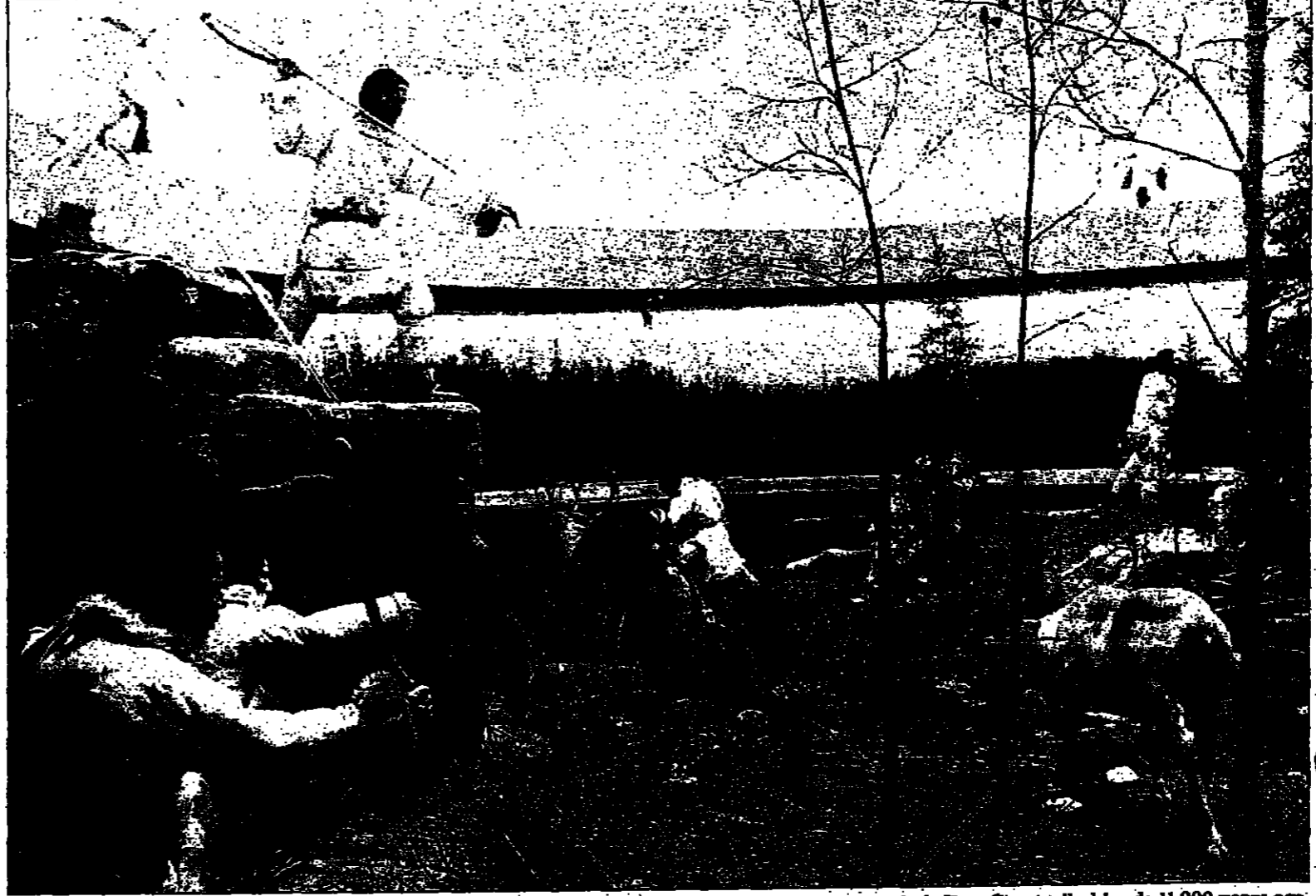
Casino tribe in \$193m homage to heritage

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A NATIVE American tribe who once verged on extinction celebrated their rebirth yesterday by opening a glamorous museum of their history that is worth \$193 million (£119 million) - all paid for by slot machines at the Indians' own nearby Connecticut casino.

Foxwoods Resort, the biggest casino in the Western hemisphere, is better known by far than the Mashantucket Pequot tribe who own the gambling complex.

However, the museum opens an intriguing new phase in the history of the



A museum diorama showing Pequot Indians hunting caribou as they moved on to what became their East Coast tribal lands 11,000 years ago

were assisted by the Mohican and Narragansett Indians, and the survivors were kept in servitude by the Pilgrims.

By 1910, the tribe was in terminal decline with only 66 Pequots in America. Their descendants, however, proved a redoubtable lot, recovering their ancestral lands in a series of 1970s lawsuits. They won their battles in court and, aided by generous state laws and a more favourable political climate, ran high-stakes bingo on their reservation.

In 1992 they set up Foxwoods in Mashantucket,

and today's 550 Pequots live as well as Texan oil barons. The museum, which is reached by a brief shuttle ride from Foxwoods, covers a sprawling 308,000 sq ft site.

Displays cover every period of Pequot history, from the glacial age 11,000 years ago when their ancestors are believed to have trudged into the region, to the pre-Foxwoods days, when tribe members eked out a grubby existence amid trailers and alcohol.

The centrepiece of the museum - which also boasts a research centre for students of

Native American history - is a Pequot village representing the tribe's way of life in the days just before the Pilgrims' arrival.

The village is a remarkable - and expensive - *son-et-lumière* water gushes in a reconstructed river bed and 110 speakers emit the sounds of crickets, geese and dogs. There are 50 simulated trees, with five million green polyester leaves, each hand-painted with dabs of yellow, bronze and ivory.

W. Richard West, director of the National Museum of the

American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution, told *The New York Times* that the new venture was poetic justice for "a people and a culture that had been left for dead".

He said: "The Pequots were historically one of the most potent political and military forces on the East Coast. Now they've come full circle. No one can say the glory of native culture is a past phenomenon."

This glory has come from a less than glorious source, of course; but the Pequots are unabashed by their museum's

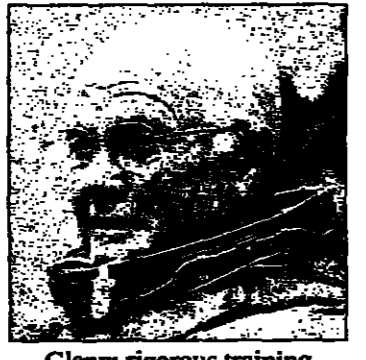
link to Foxwoods. The money needed to build the place and stock it with artefacts is the equivalent of four months' takings from their slot machines.

The tribe insists, however, that their desire for a museum predates Foxwoods by several years.

Theresa Hayward Bell, executive director of the museum, said: "This is the culmination of a dream of 30 years, to tell the largely unknown story of the Pequots and to preserve our culture and history."

Veteran Glenn flexes muscles for return to space at 77

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON



Glenn: rigorous training

WHILE his fellow US senators headed for the beach and other holiday spots yesterday, John Glenn began the toughest month of pre-flight training for his return to space at the age of 77.

Senator Glenn will become by far the oldest astronaut when he blasts off in the *Discovery* shuttle on

October 29 for a nine-day mission. Yet he already runs rings around the rest of the crew in terms of endurance, according to Rob Navias, a NASA spokesman, who said: "He has absolutely no flab. His stomach's as flat as a board."

For the next four weeks, Mr Glenn will carry out grueling exercises, training and emergency procedures. It will be reminiscent of Mr Glenn's training when he

became the first American to orbit Earth in 1962 in his *Mercury* spacecraft. In the 36 years since, his hair has turned from red to white. He weighed 12st then and has added a few pounds in the intervening years, but will not say how many.

Nowadays, he speed-walks two miles a day, works out on a treadmill and lifts weights. The shuttle's quarters are spacious compared to *Mercury* - so small that

astronauts joked they did not so much climb inside the capsule as put it on.

The trip is a huge publicity bonanza for NASA. Mr Glenn's declared mission is to help to study the effects of space travel on a septuagenarian. Some sceptics have publicly questioned the astronaut's scientific value. John Eike, director of space policy for the Federation of American Scientists, told *Time*

magazine: "It has everything to do with making the country feel good. It's about the right stuff, not science. Which is fine with me."

□ Moscow: Yuri Baturin, 49, a sacked presidential adviser, will be part of a three-man rocket team to blast off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan on Thursday. He is scheduled to spend ten days on Mir, conducting scientific experiments. (AFP)

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Taleban's triumph over Masood forces alarms neighbours

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT, AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

THE battle for control of Afghanistan moved decisively to the northern outskirts of Kabul, the capital, yesterday after the fall of the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif to the Taleban Islamic militia. The developments are viewed with mounting alarm by Russia and the Central Asian states as well as Pakistan.

Taleban forces intensified their attack on the Panjshir Valley stronghold of General Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik leader, now the biggest obstacle to Taleban's ambitions to control the entire country. He is heavily armed with Russian weapons, but has been driven back out of range of Kabul. With his supply routes from Tajikistan threatened, he could eventually be vulnerable.

Given his off-proven military prowess, however, it could be a long battle. The Taleban tactic of buying off its enemies will not work with General Masood: the hero of the guerrilla war against the Soviet occupation forces has dug in for what could be his decisive fight for survival.

Central Asian states now face the potentially destabilising prospect of Taleban forces occupying territory along their southern borders. The militia has always insisted that it has no territorial ambitions but the presence of an extremist religious group on the frontier could have a destabilising impact right through the region.

For Pakistan, as well, there are dangers, even though it played a pivotal part in the creation and sustenance of Taleban, especially after its emergence in 1994. Taleban leaders may cover border areas in Pakistan's tribal regions where Pashtuns predominate; for many tribal leaders, the dream of forging a nation called Pashunistan is very much alive.

At the weekend, thousands of students of madrasas (religious schools) across Pakistan went to Afghanistan to reinforce Taleban positions. Most are Afghans, but there are also many Pakistanis among them who wanted to participate in what they describe as jihad (holy war).

For years the schools have provided the fighters for Taleban. Its victory has given a new stridency to the Islamist forces in Pakistan; and there are growing fears that the war-hardened religious students may fuel Islamic extremism in a country torn by sectarian conflict.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Balloonist Fossett recovers from fire

Rio de Janeiro: Steve Fossett, the American millionaire adventurer who is attempting his fourth round-the-world flight in a balloon, is back on course over the South Atlantic after repairing damage caused by a small fire on board (Gabriella Gamini writes).

The fire, started by a leak of liquid propane from a pressurised fuel hose, damaged two of the balloon's four burners. Mr Fossett suffered a slight burn and singed eyebrows while extinguishing the fire, but is said to have been able to get all of the burners working again.

Latest reports from his mission control centre in St Louis, Missouri, said that he had covered 2,900 miles and was "cruising on course" towards South Africa.

Leak theory in ski tragedy

Sydney: The worst landslide in Australia's modern history, which killed 18 people and flattened two ski lodges, may have been triggered by a leaking pipe, an inquest heard (Roger Maynard writes). In 1984 engineers laid a pipeline along the Alpine Way. It was probably a leak from that pipe that slowly undermined the road's foundations and led to the landslide, the New South Wales Coroner was told. The inquest into the disaster at the ski resort of Thredbo last July is expected to last until December.

Tea poisons Japan workers

Tokyo: An office tea break yesterday proved hazardous for ten employees who collapsed in agony after drinking tea made with hot water from an urn that may have contained poison (Robert Whyman writes). Police in Niigata, northern Japan, said they were treating the incident as a deliberate poisoning, and a possible copycat crime inspired by a mass poisoning incident little more than a fortnight ago. The ten were said to be in a stable condition in hospital last night.

Troops kill 27 Algeria rebels

Algiers: Troops have killed 27 Muslim rebels, most of them in a forest in southwestern Algeria, in military operations, local newspapers reported yesterday. Nineteen members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), Algeria's most radical guerrilla faction, were shot dead over the past few days in the forest near Tiarat, 125 miles southwest of Algiers, the daily *L'Aurélien* said. Troops were continuing to comb the Tachia forest and a nearby mountain province. (Reuters)

Pope casts his Net wider

Rome: The Pope will take his message to millions of cyberspace Catholics from the weekend when Internet users around the globe will be able to hear his teachings live via their computers, the Vatican said yesterday. The world's one billion Roman Catholics will hear and see the pontiff recite his Angelus prayer on Sundays and follow other Vatican ceremonies. The website is <http://www.vatican.va>

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Family mourns death of mother in blast

By DAVID ORR

LAST Friday 32-year-old Margaret Akinyi said goodbye to her husband and four children and travelled by bus into Nairobi. An office cashier, she worked on the top floor of Ufundi Co-op House beside the American Embassy. Her job helped to support an extended family living in a few rooms in the poor suburb of Dagoretti. Margaret's body now lies in a Nairobi mortuary. Her right side is slightly bloodstained and her features are swollen but otherwise there is no sign of injury. No one has described Margaret Akinyi's final moments and they almost certainly never will. She was probably doing routine chores. Nothing could have prepared her for the huge blast that reduced her five-storey block to rubble. Her body was dug out on Sunday. It is not known whether she died instantly. I know a little about Margaret be-

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cause her brother works where I live. George was on night duty when I heard his sister was missing. He had visited nearly all Nairobi's hospitals over the weekend but had been unable to trace her. He came into my house, and we made some telephone calls, establishing that she was in Nairobi City Mortuary. We found her lying on a wet floor, wearing a dress with a cardigan over it and sandals on her feet. On the slabs around her were more than a dozen other bodies from the blast, some of them embalmed, one cut in half. I drove George out to her family's home. A lot of people were sitting in a small room watching an American sitcom on a black and white television. Among them was Maurice, her husband. At first silence greeted the news, then Maurice started wailing. His young children stared at him as he collapsed on to the floor crying. "My wife is dead." He and other family members identified her body yesterday. The children keep asking where their mother is.

Dozen bombing suspects held

Round-up of Muslims may indicate pressure to get results, Inigo Gilmore reports from Dar es Salaam

TANZANIA

THE Tanzanian Government said yesterday that it had detained a group of suspects in connection with the bombing of the American Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed that it had received information that three groups of suspects had been detained. A source close to the investigation was quoted as saying that a dozen people were in custody and most of the suspects were Sudanese or Iraqi nationals. "We have just gotten word that the Government of Tanzania has announced that it has detained three groups of suspects," said Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. "We don't know the precise identity of those suspects or whether they will turn out to be an important lead in this investigation."

However, concern is growing that the Tanzanian authorities, under pressure to get results, may have made a routine round-up of nationals from Muslim countries who might typically be linked to Islamic fundamentalism.

Wilson Mwanasasi, the Tanzanian commissioner of police in charge of administration, said the authorities were also investigating newspaper re-

ports indicating the arrest of a suspect in the northern town of Arusha. Quoting reliable sources, believed to be local intelligence officers, one newspaper said the suspect was a male of Arab origin who left Dar es Salaam for Arusha and was detained as he tried to cross the border into Kenya.

American diplomats in Tanzania are being cautious in saying anything about their investigations. The embassy has been tightly sealed as FBI investigators pick their way through the debris surrounded by sandbags and razor wire. Attention has been focused on the surveillance camera that was trained on the main entrance and is believed to have filmed the sequence of events leading up to the bombing. Embassy officials have confirmed the camera was operational at the time of the blast and the camera is still visible mounted on top of the embassy, unlike in Nairobi where the force of the blast blew the cameras off.

American officials have not commented on what they have discovered, if anything, from the footage which may hold

vital clues for the blast investigators.

A US diplomat, at an off-the-record briefing last night, told journalists that a routine siren check had been carried out at 10am on Friday, just 39 minutes before the blast.

The diplomat said there were three types of siren which respectively indicated a fire, a bomb in the embassy or a terrorist attack, and confirmed that the routine weekly check had been successful.

Earlier, FBI pathologists had begun the grim task of carrying out post-mortem examinations on the victims to discover the precise causes of death. Two bodies were subsequently released for burial and the funeral of Mtendje Rajabu, a female security guard, was held at a village on the outskirts of the capital last night.

It was confirmed last night that a Kenyan national, Abdurahman Abdalla, was killed while visiting the embassy just one week before he was to move to the United States with his American wife Susan Hirsch, a Fulbright fellow.

He had come to the embassy to cash a cheque and was standing outside when he was caught in the blast.

Moi rules out hopes of finding more survivors

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI

KENYA

THERE are probably no more survivors in the rubble of a building that collapsed in Friday's embassy bomb explosion in Nairobi, President Moi of Kenya said yesterday.

"I don't think there are any human beings alive inside now," he said when he visited the site before it was evacuated because of the risk of more buildings collapsing.

Earlier, Israeli rescuers had said a Kenyan woman, buried in the crumpled office block,

could still be alive. The woman, known only as Rose, had been pinned under tonnes of masonry. The rescuers said yesterday morning that they could hear tapping coming from the huge mound of rubble but later lost communication with her.

At least 200 people were killed and nearly 5,000 injured by the explosion. Testimony from survivors indicates that the attack was carried out by a group of men who drove a

vehicle into a car park behind the American Embassy before detonating the bomb. The emerging picture is of a truck entering the parking area, driving past a first car park attendant before being stopped at a second checkpoint as it tried to enter a car park under the embassy.

Several survivors report hearing a grenade-type explosion before the bomb blast. There are also reports of a gunshot.

"We've got reports of shooting and of two people running away from the scene before the bomb went off," a Kenyan police spokesman told *The Times*. "We're still trying to establish if it was a suicide bomb or if it was set off by remote control."

Israel army radio reported yesterday that the device probably contained Semtex plastic explosive. The use of such material would point to the involvement of a sophisticated terrorist group with a highly lethal armory.

Britain has offered to supply a burns and plastic surgery unit to treat the many people who suffered horrific facial injuries. Nearly three tonnes of medical aid has been flown to Kenya from Britain and more is expected to be delivered in coming days.



Students in Nairobi protest yesterday against the bombing of the American Embassy in the capital



Marines carry an American victim's body on to a US-bound plane in Nairobi yesterday

Clinton pledges to defy terror threats

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, expected to be in attendance when the bodies of American victims of the US embassy bombings arrive at Andrews Air Force Base on Thursday, said yesterday that investigators had already found evidence, adding that the search would not be deterred by further threats of violence.

"Our teams are on the ground in Africa. They are tending the wounded, they are providing security, they are searching and finding evidence. We will do whatever we can to bring the murderers to justice," he said.

"There has never been a time in human history when we have been free from the organised forces of destruction. And the more open the world becomes, the more vulnerable people become to those who have organised and have weapons, information,

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technology and the ability to move. We must be strong in dealing with this... There is no way out if we start running away from this kind of conduct."

Evidence emerged yesterday that the bombers had displayed breathtaking calm and determination. The US State Department said investigators had discovered that the driver of the lorry carrying the Nairobi explosives was turned away from the front gate but calmly drove to the rear. A guard who was on duty at there has said that he challenged the driver but hand-grenades were thrown at him and the lorry forced its way in. Investigators believe that the carnage could have been even greater if the bomb had gone off at the front of the building.

Suspicion continues to focus on Osama bin Laden, a Saudi dissident in Afghanistan. *The International Islamic Front*, which he is thought to lead, resolved to hit American interests at a June meeting.

West steps up Congo pullout as fears of anarchy increase

WESTERN embassies yesterday continued to evacuate their citizens from Kinshasa as the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo appeared on the verge of collapse.

Half the Cabinet have taken flight or defected, and President Kabila has disappeared. Yesterday Italian families were flown out of Kinshasa close on the heels of scores of Americans and other nationals who fled the Congolese capital after warnings from diplomats that anarchy could break out in the city.

President Kabila, who de-

Kabila vanishes and Cabinet loyalty crumbles in face of Tutsi rebel raids

Sam Kiley writes from Kinshasa

posed the late Mobutu Sese Seko in a rebellion backed by Rwanda and other states, including Angola, 14 months ago, has not been seen in public since last week when he left for a summit in Zimbabwe. His aides said he was in Lubumbashi, in Katanga province.

When asked on Sunday

towns along the Atlantic coast. But concerns that there appears to be no one in charge in Kinshasa have prompted Western missions to speed up evacuation plans from a city defended by inexperienced soldiers whose Rwandan officer corps now forms the backbone of the rebels.

"There is no doubt that the rebels could take Kinshasa pretty quickly," a Western military analyst said. "Our concern is what happens in the meantime."

Mr Kabila's generals have promised a long war against the rebels, who have already taken most of the east of the country as well as a naval base and towns near the Atlantic coast. Yesterday the army claimed to have retaken Boma, near the oil town and key port of Matadi.

The alliance of Rwandan and possibly Ugandan troops lined up against Mr Kabila is almost a carbon copy of the one assembled to depose the late Mobutu.

Officially, Angola remains friendly to Mr Kabila. About 1,000 Angolan commandos have been based in Kinshasa for more than a year, and intelligence sources said that another 2,000 were camped across the Congo River in Brazzaville.

"Frankly, the only thing that gives us any confidence that there will not be a breakdown in Kinshasa is that the Angolans might change sides. They could then prove the decisive factor and secure the city before the various elements of Kabila's forces go crazy," the Western ambassador said.

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Tiny Caribbean island votes on breakaway

ABOUT 4,500 voters on the idyllic 36 square-mile Caribbean island of Nevis went to the polls yesterday to decide whether it should secede from its sister island of St Kitts to become a nation of 10,000.

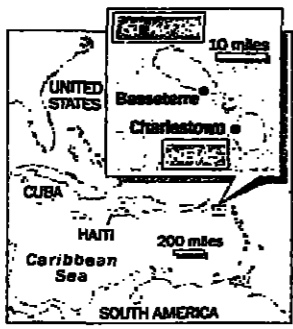
An independent Nevis would rank among the world's smallest countries, second only to the Holy See and the phosphate-rich Pacific island of Nauru.

Nevis's quest for independence worries other Caribbean leaders who say it weakens the region's collective negotiating strength. Chief Emeke Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, said yesterday that such a move would have a damaging effect on the island — joined politically with St Kitts by Britain and independent as a state since 1983 — and the Caribbean region as a whole.

Smaller islands are also more vulnerable to drug traffickers and money launderers, who have made major inroads in the region in recent years. Nonetheless, Nevisians are determined to go ahead. The last informal poll, which was two decades ago, showed that more than 80 per cent supported independence.

Racially, historically and geographically, the two islands could not be closer. At the narrowest point they are separated by less than two miles of water, and over the centuries families on both islands have intermarried. Nevisians have long grumbled that they get a raw deal from the central Government in St Kitts. "We have always survived on cast-offs and leftovers," said Mark Brantley, a 29-year-old Oxford-educated lawyer who chairs the Nevis Constitutional Committee.

According to an island saying, Nevisians are "tired of bones in me rice and pepper in me soup". They rattle off a litany of woes: the island's only road is potholed and has not been resurfaced since 1973;



a multimillion-dollar airport, big enough to take international jets, is being completed on St Kitts, while Nevis is getting a smaller one to replace its wooden-shack terminal and "donkey track" runway. Mostly though, Nevis has always seemed to come out on top. Local schools have dominated inter-island debates and quizzes. In cricket, Nevis has produced a crop of West Indies stars, St Kitts not one. At its height, the "Queen of the Caribbees" produced 85 per cent of all the sugar in the British Empire. Nelson was married in Nevis and, in modern times, Diana, Princess of Wales, holidayed here.

Nevisians put it down to cultural differences. "In Nevis



Independence call: a Charlestown poster

David Adams in Charlestown finds Nevis is ready for a split from big sister St Kitts

We are more quiet, more friendly than St Kitts. We value our cultural heritage," said Malcolm Guishard, Nevis's Deputy Prime Minister. Such statements arouse only derision in St Kitts. Joseph Edmeade, the Government's Chief of Staff, says: "In terms of culture we are one."

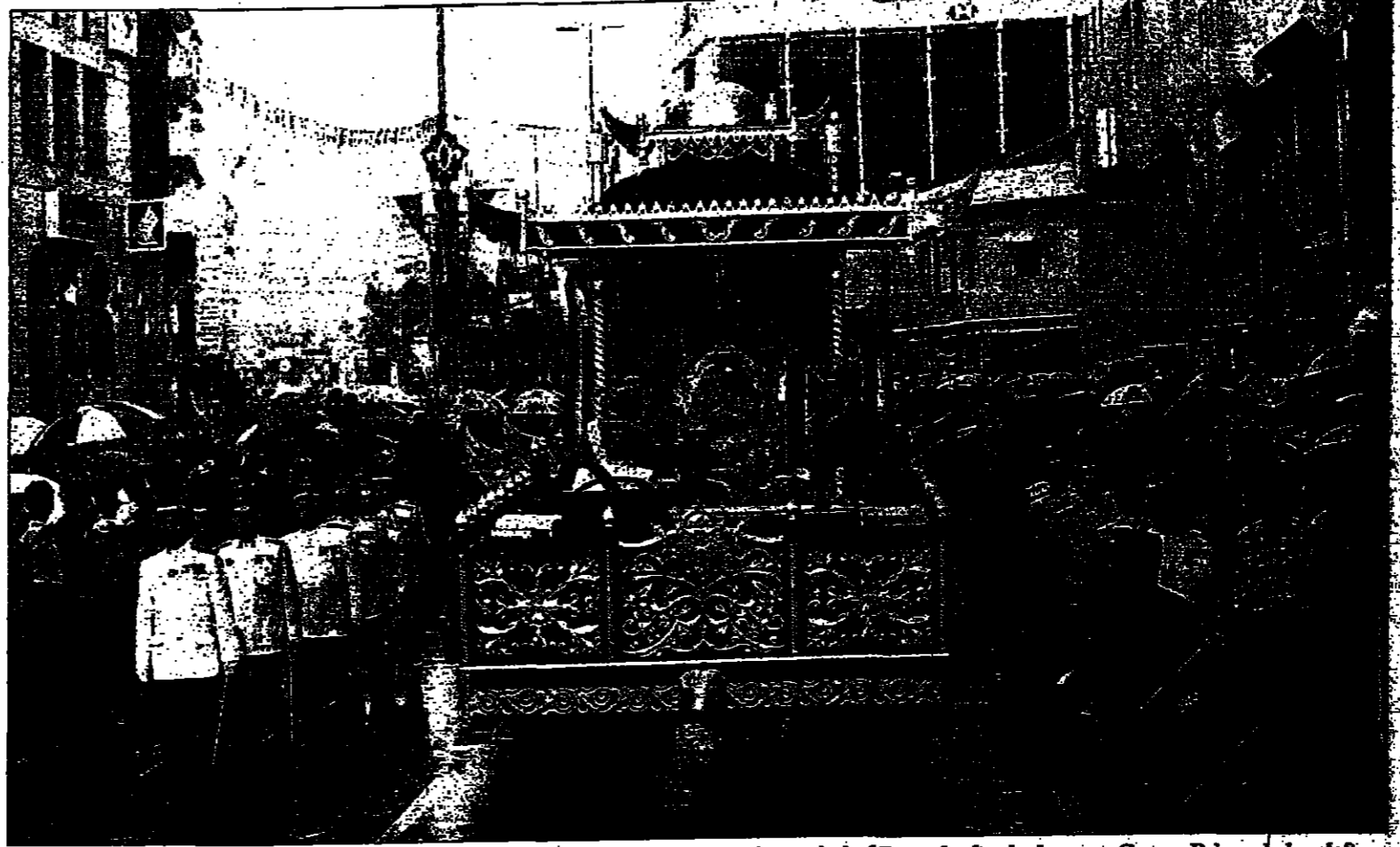
Virtually crime-free, the people of Nevis compare its tranquillity to St Kitts, hit by murders and drug-related crimes in the past four years.

To keep itself afloat financially, Nevis is staking its future on tourism and offshore finance. Some fear the financial pressures of secession might make it more willing to loosen its strict offshore practices.

"We don't have the ability to eliminate the rogues and vagabonds," said Joseph Barry, a leading politician who no longer backs secession, believing Nevis is not ready. "Sharks must be attracted. They must be smacking their lips."

Some islanders are concerned about their pockets. Fishermen worry about access to fishing grounds off St Kitts, and shoppers about the cost of living. Others accuse local politicians of selling out to foreign investors who might one day decide to take their money elsewhere.

The local administration is confident of a viable economic future. "The island is stronger now than ever before," said Mr Guishard.



Thousands acclaim Al-Muhtadee Billah in rainy Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei, after he became Crown Prince, below left.



Brunei installs successor to world's richest title

BY DAVID WATTS

THE Sultan of Brunei did his best yesterday to get aside the scandals of lurid California lawsuits and a tearaway brother squandering the sultanate's fortune with a lavish celebration to anoint his successor.

In a ceremony that dates back 600 years, the Sultan installed Al-Muhtadee Billah, 24, as the Crown Prince who will automatically inherit the title and fortune of the world's richest man. The move was an attempt to overcome a rash of negative publicity that has left the tiny country reeling. First was a London lawsuit involving his brother, Prince Jefri, and allegations of a Pall Mall lifestyle involving international models at his beck and call. Then Amedeo, the country's investment arm under the control of Prince Jefri, collapsed with debts of £10 billion.

Prince Jefri has claimed that his removal was a result of undue influence over Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah by unnamed Iranian and Libyan advisers. The Sultan's advisers deny the claim and regret that Prince Jefri stayed away

from yesterday's ceremony — the first since 1961 when the 15-year-old Hassanal was proclaimed Crown Prince by his father, Sultan Omar Saifuddin. The sultanate dates back to 1365 and the continuation of its royal line means the maintenance of one of the oldest ruling dynasties in the world.

The new Crown Prince is a pop music fan and an accomplished snooker player who studied at Oxford under a commoner's name. He completed six years at the university in 1979. After Oxford, where he was enrolled as Omar Hassan, the Prince returned home to assume his full royal name, Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah.

He was one of 30 students from Europe, Asia and the Americas to be admitted to Oxford's Foreign Service Programme. While a student at Oxford, he periodically assumed his royal mantle and met world leaders including Tony Blair and Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General.

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Why it pays to shop around in Europe

Roger Boyes finds that consumers face widely varying prices within the EU's supposed single market

THE thrifty citizen of Europe earns his keep in Luxembourg, lives in Athens, pays taxes in Britain, smokes in Spain, drinks his beer in Germany and soothes his headache in Ireland. Focus magazine, drawing on a wide statistical base, yesterday painted a picture of Europe deeply divided by its prices.

Britain emerges as both attractive and frighteningly expensive. Its standard income tax rate is the lowest in Europe, equal with Portugal, according to Focus figures. Denmark has the table but is surprisingly good value for money, its staying power measured by the number of minutes a steelworker needs to earn the equivalent of a 2.2lb loaf of bread — is second only to Britain. The British steelworker needs seven minutes, the Danish worker eight. Their Swedish counterpart has to work half an hour.

By far the most expensive way to buy a Mercedes C180 or a Volkswagen Golf is to go into a British showroom. Even German car buyers will be better off travelling to the Netherlands or Spain. London rents are also completely out of line with the rest of Europe. Focus estimates that a three-room flat in London will cost, without extras, around £1,500 a month. The same-sized flat can be had in Athens for £200, in Berlin for £250, in Madrid for £300, in Brussels for £350 and in Luxembourg for £500.

Naturally these are statistical snapshots: Berlin rents are unusually low at present, while London's are untypically high. The gap is huge. The second most expensive rents in the European Union are in Ireland, at £500 a month.

Food is cheaper in Britain which, apart from Portugal, has the least expensive bread in the European Union. France, land of the baguette, is the most expensive. Pasta is cheapest in Italy but Britain is not far behind. For understandable reasons, Britain also has some of the cheapest



The record album which John Lennon, left, photographed for Mark David Chapman hours before he shot the former Beatle outside his home in New York in December 1980, is being offered for sale for \$1.8 million (£1.1 million). Prosecutors against Chapman — pictured, right, in a

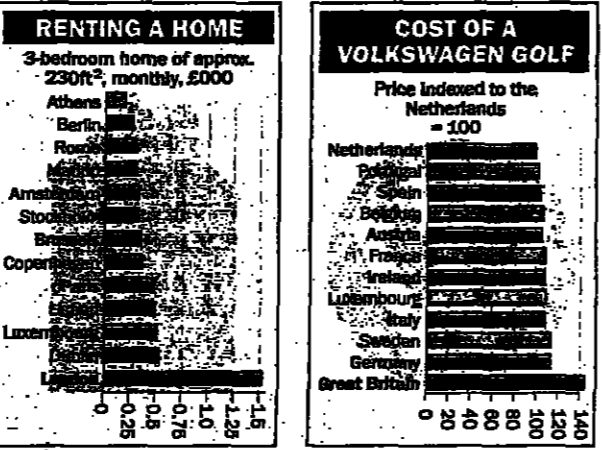
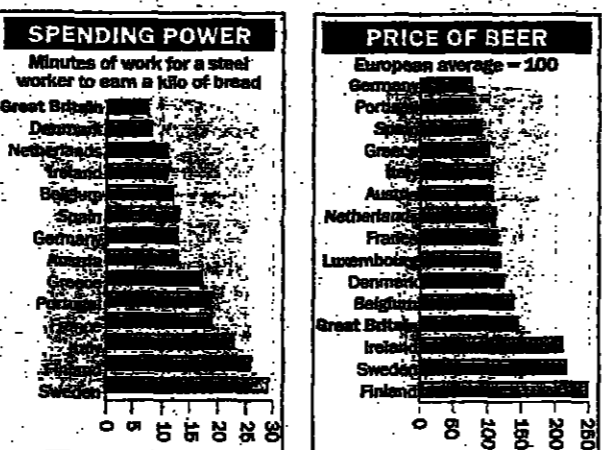
court sketch — used the record cover and dust jacket as evidence in the trial. The ghastly artefact is now in the possession of Gary Zimet, a dealer in autographs and historic letters, based in Washingtonville, in New York state (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Mr Zimet says that he is selling the album, *Double Fantasy*, on behalf of an anonymous vendor, reported to be the fan who found the album at the scene of the murder and kept it as a memento. According to Mr Zimet, the album bears the words "John Lennon 1980" on the cover, written in Lennon's hand, as well as Chapman's forensically-enhanced fingerprints. Chapman, who was 25 at the time of the shooting, was jailed for a minimum 20 years.

Killer's memento on sale

Corsican 'hitman' bungled murder

CORSICAN police claim to have unravelled a bizarre murder case involving a tough septuagenarian millionaire who survived repeated attempts to kill her, a son who allegedly plotted matricide to get his inheritance, and a hired hitman whose enthusiasm was matched only by his incompetence.

second attempt he proved unequal to the task of subduing the elderly woman and had to flee; then he ran into Mme Jean's lodger, a member of the French Foreign Legion, who disarmed him and summoned the police. M Moulin's arrest and confession last week were swiftly followed by the arrest of Bernard Jean, 51. Last Thursday M Jean was brought before Judge Gerard Egron-Revereux in Bastia and charged with complicity in murder and attempted murder. "He denies it without denying it. He doesn't say no or yes, but as soon as he is



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The benefits of taking a cannabis pill

Doctor Cameron, before the days of drink-drive campaigns, would allow himself the pleasure of sharing a glass of whisky with a patient while doing his rounds. Patient and doctor would sit and discuss the person's symptoms. Dr Cameron would control the virtues of a wee dram as a night-cap rather than relying on bromides or barbiturates, and their leave for Tannochbrae.

Those who think that Dr Cameron's bejantened successors in *General Practice* will relieve A. J. Cronin's scene, but substitute a shared joint for a Glenmorangie, will be disappointed. Overdue research into the medical benefits of cannabis derivatives won't lead to a GP relieving the tensions by smoking cannabis with a patient crippled with MS, spinal or brain injury.

When the extracts of cannabis, the cannabinoids, become available for clinical use it will be surprising if they are not marketed as white pills in plastic bottles. By the time the cannabis derivatives have been refined, it's probable that a way will have been found to isolate and remove those qualities which induce euphoria and intoxication.

Derivatives of cannabis, usually used as an extract in pill form or as a tincture, were in every doctor's dispensary before the war. They were used as part of a mixture to produce a degree of euphoria in terminally ill patients.

Looking at a prewar family surgery copy of *The British Pharmaceutical Codex*, cannabis extracts were recommended as an anodyne sedative, to calm the hypomanic, as a nightcap for the overactive, to treat the spasmodic coughs of asthma and tuberculosis and to relieve painful periods.

It could be used in the treatment of the muscle spasm which affected multiple sclerosis, chorea, and Parkinson's disease. Cannabis extracts had the great advantage that they didn't cause loss of appetite or constipation.

It is likely that one of the first indications for the prescription of one of the cannabinoids will be the relief of the painful muscle spasm which can torment patients with multiple sclerosis and some cerebral and spinal disorders. All the indications for the use of cannabis extracts not involving its mood-altering capability are related to its ability to reduce muscle spasm, whether in the bronchial muscles which cause asthma, and spasms in the skeletal muscles which give rise to spasticity, or in the female reproductive system which some say is responsible for the abdominal pain and headache associated with a period. It is usually estimated that 80,000 or 85,000 people in the UK have multiple sclerosis but the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group claims the figure is likely to be much greater.

Whatever the overall figure, 75 per cent of MS sufferers experience some degree of spasticity from time to time. The spasticity robs people with MS, or brain or spinal injuries, of the ability to control their movements. The painful spasms which occur in those with muscle rigidity can turn simple activities such as dressing or making a cup of tea into endurance tests. They can deprive the patient of sleep and may be so forceful that there are cases where the patient has been thrown out of bed, or has overturned a wheelchair. Not surprisingly, this increases the feelings of helplessness.

Although many patients do not achieve a satisfactory response to currently available anti-spasticity drugs, for 20 years there has been no new drug introduced to reduce spasticity in multiple sclerosis. Recently, Zanaflex (tizanidine) has been introduced and has been well reviewed in the *Archives of Neurology*, published by the American Medical Association. It is well ahead of any modified cannabinoid in the race to ease the life of the patients enduring these painful spasms.

Zanaflex, produced by Athena Neurosciences, causes less muscle weakness and drowsiness than earlier treatments and, as it gives greater control over limbs, the morale of patients is boosted. Care is needed in its use. It should be introduced gradually and be given in small doses, three or four times a day. It is not recommended for the very elderly or for children. Liver and renal function should be monitored.

Zanaflex also enhances the effect of drugs taken to lower the blood pressure and increases the action of contraceptive pills. The dose of these may need adjusting.

Zanaflex should be included in the medicine chest for the symptomatic relief of muscular spasm in multiple sclerosis. It should be joined, in appropriate cases, by Avonex, Interferon-beta 1a or Betaferon, Interferon-beta 1b which reduces the number of relapses and their severity in relapsing multiple sclerosis.

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Passion for life: Habie Schwarz, pictured left, talks to Julia Mason, who is able to communicate only through blinking her eyelids. Creative writing is one of Julia's great joys

Disabled by prejudice

Claire asked me, after we had spent the afternoon together, "Have you read Ian McEwan's new book? It's his best yet..." A straightforward enough question, although it took Claire some moments to ask it. Her speech was slurred, halting and slow. Her features were constantly twitching and her body jerked every now and then in her wheelchair. Nothing unusual if you have cerebral palsy. So why did her question surprise me? What had I expected her to say?

Why does one in three of us believe a person in a wheelchair can't be intelligent? Habie Schwarz reports. Photograph: Chris Harris

After all, we liberal middle classes don't hold prejudices against other people and we never make assumptions based on physical appearance. Or do we? I'd always supposed I was free from personal prejudice, until I came into contact with disabled people and realised you can't always predict your own reactions.

What do we assume when we see a person in a wheelchair, someone with a twisted body, someone who speaks with difficulty, or someone whose facial expressions are dictated by their failing muscles rather than their

emotions? Meeting Claire was my first experience of disability. I was helping her, through a community scheme, to move house. Afterwards, as we chatted, I was struck by the discrepancy between her ponderous speech and her razor-sharp mind, her rolling head with saliva-stained chin and her personality full of all the usual contradictions. It was only after a while that I noticed how bright her eyes were.

In a survey of public attitudes published recently, the disability charity Leonard Cheshire discovered that one in three able-bodied people agreed with the statement "some people think a person in a wheelchair cannot be intelligent". Could I, a liberal with a privileged international background, be part of the more bigoted section of the public? On the face of it, no. I don't consider "different" to be a value judgment. But deep down, where gut reactions dwell, I discovered some unwelcome assumptions. For the past few

months I have been conducting focus groups with disabled people around the country, on behalf of Leonard Cheshire, which celebrates its golden jubilee this year.

At a Cheshire home near Cambridge, I met Julia Mason, a young woman who could move only her eyelids and her chin, with which she operated her wheelchair. The other residents and staff had learnt to read her eye language in order to talk to her. She joined our focus group, a friend observing her fluttering eyelids and translating for us.

Her comments were funny, articulate, cynical and, on the subject of her delight in creative writing, passionate. Her vibrancy, her humour, the affection in which the others held her, made me forget her shrivelled limbs within minutes. And yet her beauty — a luminous face that I will never forget — had taken moments longer to register than it would have if she had been standing tall. And most people

never spend those few extra moments, the time it takes to see through a deformed body to the person within.

I wonder: how would I have responded if I had seen the woman with the fluttering eyelids while out shopping? I would have assumed her quality of life to be low, would not have seen the Stephen Hawking or Helen Keller in her damaged body, would probably not have wondered about her favourite mental activities. I would have noticed only the blighted existence visible at a glance. Spending time with disabled people taught me how often the rest of us, the able-bodied, make unconscious judgments in the blink of a sighted eye.

I'd always assumed there weren't large numbers of disabled people in the UK, since I hardly ever noticed any. In fact, there are six million. One in ten of the population.

Claire had said that day: "I wonder what arthouse movies are like on the big screen? I've never lived near a good cinema with a ramp. I can only get into the local multiplex and watch rubbish."

Having no access to so many places which the able-bodied take for granted is an obvious form of the physical discrimination which disabled people face every day.

Emotional exclusion can be even worse, having to deal with the constantly inappropriate reactions of the able-bodied — pity, fear, rejection, distaste, contempt, or a patronising do-gooding which expects the disabled to be jolly, even thankful, when allowed into society. Meeting disabled people around the country, I found as much variety as in any large

group of people. Some were positive, dismissing their disability to dwell instead on their passion for the Internet, riverboat trips, a friend, a lover, hobbies, work. Others were less light-hearted, and some expressed anger, a subliminal rage implicit in all their conversation. It was hard to bear.

I met people whose family or spouse had deserted them, people who had been able-bodied until an injury in an accident had left them suddenly paralysed, and young people with degenerative illnesses which they knew condemned them to an early, lingering death.

I could only try not to express pity, not to look down at the floor, and to banish my selfish fears of how vulnerable we all are to such a fate. I didn't show my sorrow.

I found another prejudice lurking in my unconscious. Since Leonard Cheshire is a charity providing services and care, I had assumed that its users would express gratitude for the services they are getting. I didn't stop to think that in our society, the basic tools for life are not a privilege but a right. None of the disabled people I spoke to saw Leonard Cheshire as a "charity", or themselves as charity cases. They simply wanted to lead as normal a life as possible, in their own homes or in care, to get on with it, and not to have to fight unnecessary battles.

I try to imagine what it must be like to overcome a physical disability only to find oneself in a world where the average person doesn't even notice that if you remain standing when you talk to someone in a wheelchair, you are talking down.

It would seem so easy to accept people at face value, not to make assumptions about their lifestyle or desires until you know more. But it isn't

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My career cost me custody



In a landmark US case, Alice Hector lost custody of her two daughters, aged 9 and 12, to her ex-husband, because their appeal court judges decided that she spent too much time at work to care for them properly

As a working mother, Alice Hector thought she had life organised quite well: up at 5.30am; water the plants; feed the animals; make the school lunches; make breakfast; wake the children at 7am; make the beds; take the children to school at 8am; then on to the office in which she worked as a high-flying lawyer until 6.30pm or 7pm.

She had followed the same routine, she says, since the children — now aged 9 and 12 — started school.

At different times, an au pair or a housekeeper was hired to collect her daughters, Avery and Baylor, from school, take them to the two or three hours of after-school activities that American children have just about every day, then prepare dinner.

For much of this time, Ms Hector's husband, Robert Young, 45 — a sometime architect, builder, publisher and photographer — was unemployed, although he was always busy "doing stuff", she says, much of which did not bring in any money.

So Ms Hector was devastated when, in an increasingly bitter divorce dispute, she lost custody of her daughters to her husband because three appeal court judges — all were men — decided that she spent too much time at work to care for them properly.

The decision, under new "gender neutral" custody laws which are rapidly being adopted in states across America, sent shock waves through the ranks of working mothers everywhere.

On the basis that what happens in the United States inevitably finds its way across the Atlantic, it bodes ill for career women in Britain as well.

In the US, the case is being watched closely by women's groups, which say that courts sometimes punish career women by favouring stay-at-home fathers in divorce cases.

Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Centre, says: "On this basis, just about every working mother in America could lose her children."

However, others view the case as the natural result of the increasing number of marriages in which the husband becomes "Mr Mum".

Ellen Lyons, one of two lawyers representing Mr Young, says: "Times are changing. Women are over 50 per cent of the workforce, and some husbands are going to pursue careers in the home."

While Ms Hector appreciates these cold, legal arguments, her emotions as a mother are in turmoil. "I was shocked; devastated. It was

This woman lost custody of her children for getting home at 7pm, says Barry Wigmore

horrible," she says. She sits in her spectacular corner office — which is a testament to her success — on the 48th floor of a 55-storey black glass skyscraper with views across Miami harbour, the bay, Miami Beach and the ocean beyond.

Things turned bad for Ms Hector and Mr Young in about 1992 — ten years into their marriage. It was her second and his first.

They had met in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had a successful legal career which resulted in her owning a firm. Mr Young, who designed and built luxury houses, was also fairly successful.

But in the late Eighties he caught the treasure-hunting bug and went into the New Mexico desert to search for the fabled \$4 billion Doc Nos. treasure trove. He was away for 18 months during which time, Ms Hector told the court, he had an affair. And the treasure — if it exists — is still out there.

There were also other problems in the marriage. "He is a very 'black-and-white' man," says Ms Hector, "and he had a lot of lawsuits: against his brother; another brother's estate; with former business partners. He will not compromise, even though he loses almost every case."

"We argued because I refused to represent him because I felt it was throwing good money after bad."

In a last-ditch attempt to repair the marriage, they moved to Miami. It didn't work and, finally, Ms Hector says, she told her husband that she wanted a divorce.

At the custody hearing, the divorce judge sided with Ms Hector and she was awarded custody, with her ex-husband getting generous daily visiting rights.

Witnesses for both sides testified on what caring parents they were. A special legal "guardian", appointed to represent the children's interests, said their father was phenomenal with the children and warmer than their mother; Mr Young, on the other hand, was inclined to lose his temper more.

During the custody hearing, one witness for Mr Young was Joan Hazel,

the mother of one of the children's best friends.

She told the judge that Mr Young was an attentive parent who always arrived early at school plays and videotaped them. Ms Hector, on the other hand, once arrived late and read law books during the performance.

"I didn't work during the performance," Ms Hector says. "Most parents who work weren't even there. I was one of the few working parents who made it. I had some work to do, so I took it with me. I sat there and read it until the thing started, and put it down and watched the play until the end. It seemed a fairly efficient way to combine working and being a mum."

"You can take your kid to the doctor's office, you sit in the doctor's office and read and do various things. But you certainly don't read while the doctor's telling you what's wrong with your child. It seems like a normal thing to do, to be flexible about where you're doing your work."

The guardian said Mr Young was the dominant carer during the day, but Ms Hector took over at weekends and "consistently spends time" with the children. He recommended that Ms Hector should have custody.

Mr Young appealed to secure custody of the children and the chance of alimony that would go with that. He estimates, conservatively, her income at \$300,000 (£183,000) annually. Since the divorce, he works at the local YMCA, where his daughters have some of their after-school sports. He earns one tenth of Ms Hector's salary.

The appeal court sided with Mr Young, and Ms Hector has applied to the full Florida Appeal Court — of ten men and one woman — for a new custody hearing. Meanwhile she still has the children, although they are holidaying with their father at present.

"What this comes down to is quantity versus quality time," Ms Hector says. "Which is more important?"

She agrees with the gender neutral laws but says they were wrongly applied in her case by appeal judges who read transcripts and knew nothing of the personalities.

"This is not an issue for an appeal court," she says. "Especially when it has been shown that appeal decisions, when there are only men on the bench, tend to favour the men."

"They are much more even between the genders when the only woman appeal judge sits with two men."

"The real issue here is: who is the primary caretaker? A mum is the one who gets up in the middle of the night when the kids have a fever, and who gets up every single day and makes their lunch and sends them off to school."

"Who do they look to? ... that's who the caretaker is. And that always was me."

School-age children are in school essentially from 8am to 3.30pm. The afternoon activities that they have outside on the soccer field, and everything else — it's not quality time with the parents. All parents do is drive them around.

"My ex-husband did it for about a week after we were divorced. That was all he lasted, and he said, 'This is incredibly boring. This isn't quality time at all.'"

"I said, 'What have I been saying for years? That's the point. Until you get to dinner time, and what happens after dinner time, that's really the quality time. The quality time is in the morning, the evenings, and weekends. That's the time that working parents are available anyway.'"

"I would get home some time between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. From the moment I walked in, he would disappear."

"He would go in his office or his bedroom, or he'd leave the house. Then I would take care of the kids, see to the homework, listen to music with them, read books to them, do whatever; we're not TV watchers. And then they would go to bed."

"Every weekend I would have them all the time. A long time ago I vowed to spend weekends with the kids, unless I take them to soccer games, to the beach, the zoo. My ex-husband would either be sitting round watching television, or out."

"He doesn't do beds; he doesn't do dishes; he doesn't do laundry. He doesn't do any of the things that women do."

She pauses, then adds: "I enjoy my work. I love my clients. And I love my kids. And I thought I had the perfect balance."

"I feel incredibly indignant that a person who went away should win and have me pay for him for the rest of his life. I mean, to me it's just outrageous. It's rubbing salt in the wound."

Is there such a thing as quality time?

The appeal court ruling in America will not necessarily trigger a batch of similar cases here, although working mothers would do well to take note.

Rosalind Miles, a social commentator and author of *The Children We Desire*, says: "I would not see this as setting a precedent for British law. We should never underestimate the puritanism of America and the fundamentalism that underlies much of its thinking."

Rather, there are indications that the trend has independently taken root on this side of the Atlantic. "We don't have to wait for America," Dr Miles says. "We are already seeing cases where men are getting custody from working women, which is particularly painful for women who felt they were doing their best for their kids. Usually, in our courts, it is because the children know the father better."

"Women must be a bit canny in protecting their position."

Dr Miles is scornful of the "quality time" set aside by working parents. "There is no such thing as quality time," she says. "It is a myth. Children are most alert early in the day. They are no good in the cocktail hour."

In other words, quality time is merely a phrase concocted to assuage a parent's guilt at not being around.

"The point is, nobody wants to be with young children," Dr Miles says. "It's exhausting. When you com-

pare having a nice job with staying at home with a toddler, it isn't as much fun."

The problem, she says, is that career women are trying to treat "time with the children" as they would any other work assignment. Put in sufficient input and you will reap the benefits. But according to Dr Miles: "Par-

did get sneered at by some women for giving up work. The catch is that the child-rearing years, the twenties and thirties, are also the years for careers taking off."

Combining career and motherhood was once not an option. If you wanted to get on in your job, you could not have children. Now the

reasoning tends to be: you can have your baby as long as it doesn't make a difference — hence the pressure on working mothers to dump their offspring at the crèche as soon as possible after giving birth.

Dorothy Rowe, the psychologist and writer, says that children in custody battles should have more say in their futures. "They should be asked and their opinions should be taken into account," she says.

Dr Rowe argues that giving up work to spend more time with the children may not be the solution. "It goes against government policy,"



Working mothers feel endlessly guilty

method is not a job, it's a state of being. It ought to change your life. If you try to handle it like any other task, you've missed the point."

"The first five years are a crucial time for children. You can't have a rerun of those years. They need you then. And the more you're with them, the more rewarding it gets."

Dr Miles gave up work at the age of 21 when her first child was born, and only threw herself into her career in her forties. She recalls: "I

she says. "A run of similar cases in the UK is unlikely for now. It would take a big change in public opinion."

Dr Rowe adds: "The most difficult thing about being a parent is not what you do for your child, but how they interpret what you do. They need to know that a parent can be called upon when needed."

"Having you there when they wake up from a nightmare might be better than three hours at the zoo."

JON ASHWORTH

Another day, another gin

BEEN promoted? Got a rise? Great. Let's celebrate. Or maybe not. Just when young women thought they were breaking through that career glass ceiling, health experts warn them they're more likely to be carted off to Alcoholics Anonymous than to a seat in the boardroom. And they might end up infertile as well.

Last night BBC's *Watchdog* reported that professional single women in their mid-thirties or early thirties are most at risk of developing serious drink problems. We're not talking about one too many chardonnays, but about one in eight women drinking more than the recommended two units of alcohol a day, and half a million drinking more than 36 units — six bottles of wine — a week.

But are we really surprised? Single young, employed women have financial indepen-

Why do women drink too much? asks Sally Morris

dence and no responsibility, a combination once reserved for bachelors. But they also work demanding hours, constantly compete against men for promotion and have ever less time for the cinema, theatre and dating. The pub is a quicker alternative.

Of course, you don't have to drink to have fun. But the initial effects of a few drinks in good company is enjoyable. It's a chance to be uninhibited after watching your every word and move in a competitive environment. It's fun in an increasingly intense world.

Sadly, it's all too easy to consume an alarming level of alcohol without realising it. Imagine our career woman out at

a business lunch two or three times a week. She shares a bottle of wine at each. After work she has two or three glasses before moving on to a meal with more drinks; at the weekend there's a party or dinner. Suddenly those 36 glasses aren't so impossible. Yet young women don't feel they have a problem; everybody they know does the same.

In their mid-thirties most women still imagine they will meet the man of their dreams. "I have a home, maybe some kids — so they'll clean up their act when they have to. The day will come soon enough when that cheque gets eaten up by nannies, cleaners, swimming lessons and Barbie

nighties. Eat, drink and be merry, they say, for tomorrow you may be a mother. (Though any mum who has spent a day in the office only to come home to tired, attention-seeking children knows that the one thing that can get her through flying toothbrushes and endless requests for stories is the thought that when it's over she can treat herself to a glass of wine. Or two.)

So should these figures worry us? Yes; anyone who has experienced the effects of alcoholism on individuals and those around them knows it is no laughing matter. But as long as our social lives centre around drink, as long as young women feel they have the right to drink as much as men, as long as it feels good at the time, then the short-term effects will always outweigh the long-term ones until the damage has been done.

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How Doris Karloff was monstered

It isn't great to be a British eccentric, says Michael Gove

I hated *In the Company of Men*. The film tells the story of a plot by two colleagues to seduce, then abandon, an innocent female colleague in its laying bare of male calculation. It unnerves terribly. *Twelfth Night* is one of the most disturbing of Shakespeare's comedies. The manner in which Malvolio is led to believe he is adored, for the entertainment of others, is an exercise in cruelty. Both remind me uncomfortably of Ann Widdecombe.

I admire Miss Widdecombe, a woman of moral courage and intellectual consistency. Her stand on foxhunting was brave, her decision to attack Michael Howard braver. But she is being taken for a ride. She is the Conservative most in demand for interviews and profiles. Eminently quotable — "The BBC are the worst purveyors of filth" — and only too willing to pose with her teddy bears, she is a bracing contrast to the blow-dried Blairites. You cannot imagine her spending £35 on a haircut.

Journalists preface their profiles with admiring references to her Commons performances, but she has thought why they devote so little of their coverage to the Shadow Health team's policy agenda? They prefer to prize comments from her on sex, grooming and diet.

Whom the press wish to destroy they first make characters

Miss Widdecombe may think that the space allocated to her thoughts is a sign she is being taken seriously. But she is being laughed at behind her back. "Do you mind being called Doris Karloff?" they ask, much as Mrs Merton might inquire of Paul Daniels's wife: "What made you decide to marry the millionaire magician?" The question exists not to ascertain the subject's views but to make the groundlings giggle. Encouraged to play the media's game, she is being made sport of.

Like the school swot given the chance to go in goal, she is invited to pronounce, so that others might mock. She fell for it again at the weekend when she denounced television during, of all things, a Channel 5 interview. Oh yes, the producer smiles, you were fantastic. But it is the smile on the face of the tiger. Once again eccentric Ann has underlined her own oddness. No TV in the house? How quaint. Get that on the press release. Oh yes, waiting lists: well, we seem to have run right out of time.

Those whom the press wish to destroy they first make "characters". When Tony Benn became the obsessive tea-drinker with a collection of rimers' lamps, he was no longer a statesman but a Great British Eccentric, an out-take from *Down Your Way*.

The treatment of the Shadow Health Secretary and, by extension, the Tory party, is deeply sad. It is sad for me in the traditional sense of the word — a cause for grieving. But Miss Widdecombe and the Tories also appear "sad" in the Nineties sense — pitiable for their inability to recognise how out-of-touch their efforts to impress make them. I have

enjoyed private conversations with Miss Widdecombe where her grasp of policy and compassion has impressed. Her appreciation of political possibilities is sophisticated and clear. But all the world sees of the Member for Maidstone and The Weald is a Home Counties Savonarola imposing Sharia in the tones of Joyce Grenfell: "George, don't do that."

Sex before marriage is not an appetite which should be treated with caution, a reality which should be met with injunctions to respect one's partner and one's body, but a "sin". Homosexuality is not a way of expressing desire which society should police to protect the vulnerable, but a high road to Hell. Abortion is not a painful necessity in some cases, but an absolute wrong.

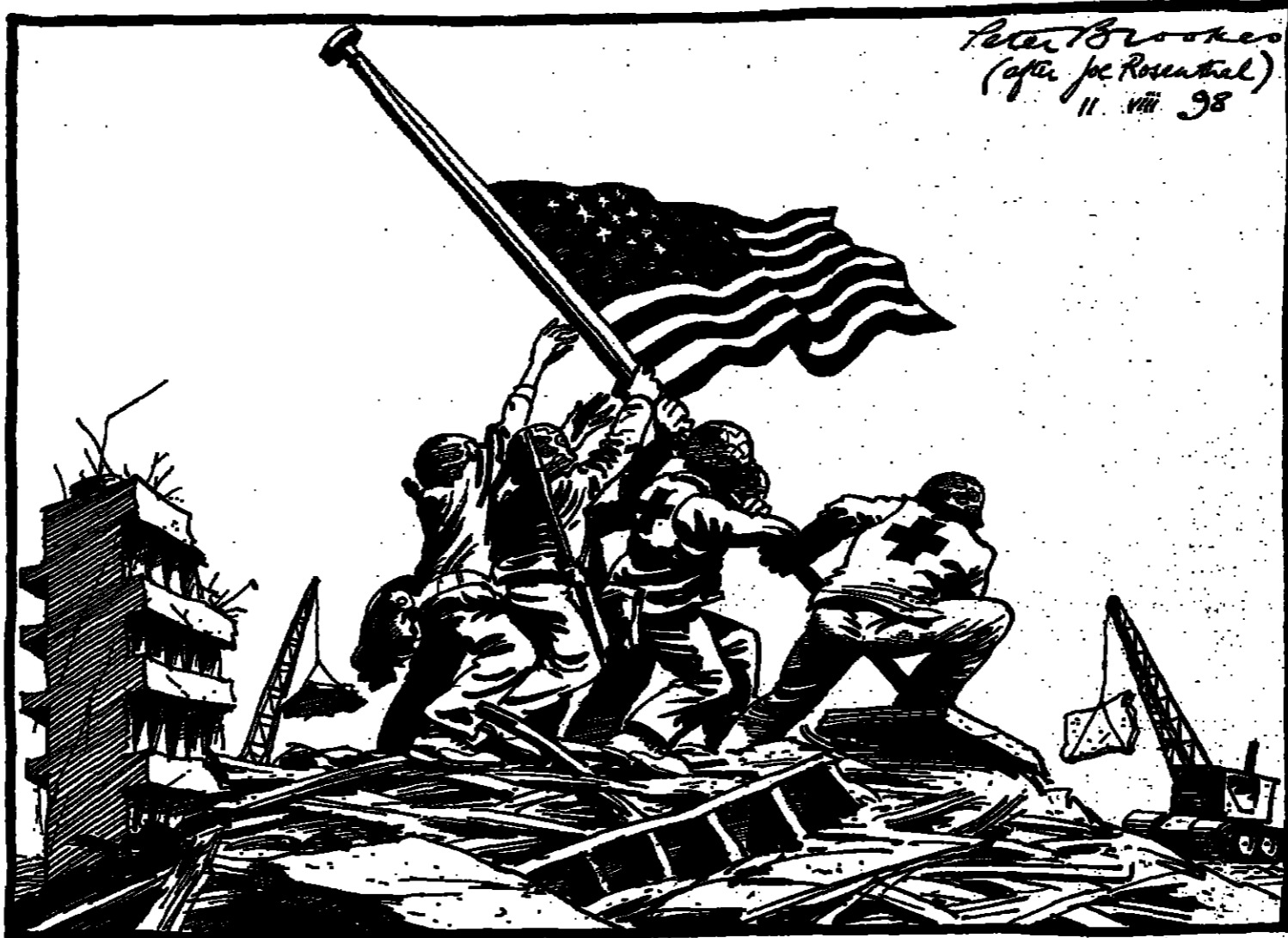
It should be perfectly possible to be a Conservative, and a moralist, without having to be so eye-wateringly ultramontane. Michael Portillo has argued that the Conservative Party should not be a society for the turning back of clocks, but Miss Widdecombe gives the impression she wants to take us in a time machine back to a land of lost content. Her prominence, and more particularly the prominence of her sound-bitten views on a few issues, makes the Conservatives sound like the Taliban.

How can the Tories seem serious about holding office, when the Shadow Health Secretary proclaims she could not do the job in government because she would not license clinics which perform abortions? She's only there to oppose, her defenders argue. Well, that is where the voters will leave her, then.

The lesson Labour learnt in the wilderness was the importance of not acting like an Old Testament prophet. As Tony Blair has remarked in private, Labour had to make an accommodation with the electorate after years of making war on it. To that end, policies had to change and so did presentation. Labour had to look and act as though its team were ready to run Britain in a manner appropriate to the age, instead of inviting the voters to take them or leave them. (They left them. In droves.)

Peter Mandelson's promotion of "the beautiful people" in Labour's ranks infuriated traditionalists like John Prescott, who sensed a sell-out. But Mr Mandelson was right that Labour needed to win the voters' trust with politicians who looked as though they lived in the same world as the rest of us, who understood contemporary aspirations. If the Left were ever to enjoy power again.

The Conservatives do not need to build a bonfire for their principles, as Labour did. Nor should they abandon faith in health and homeland. But if it seems as though they are preparing an *auto-da-fé* for the fallen, then it is they who will find themselves the martyrs.



AFTERMATH

The Princes' real peril

Madness, madness! How could they allow it? Concern for the safety of William and Harry is a pretext for media intrusion

Madness, madness! How could they allow it? How could this precious Prince be allowed to enjoy himself without a state-of-the-art privacy injunction firmly strapped to his head? How dare his minders recklessly entrust his fate to the fraying, unreliable weave of press self-restraint?

And in such treacherous conditions, too! With a slick of anniversary sentimentality underfoot and a driving hailstorm of bad Diana books obscuring clear vision, the atmospheric conditions exist for exotic pests to breed unchecked: vultures with *Instamatics*, the much-feared safety *renuquos*, sanctimonious leader-writers, the Great Black Headline. The poor Princes never stood a chance. No wonder their day out on a Welsh wall led to a publicity disaster that spun helplessly out of control, culminating in the final horror of Harold Brooks-Baker of *Debut*. We hailed in *The Mirror*, that he was "risked the fate of the Throne, the country, and the Commonwealth". Woe is us! Can that distant flapping be the sound of ravens leaving the Tower, or is it just Mr Brooks-Baker's invisible frock-coat catching a summer breeze?

I have said before, and I say again: never mind helmets, the Prince of Wales's sons need proper protection from this nonsense. They need to walk freely in their own country, take risks, make decisions and grow up without being spied on. To rely, as we have been doing since last August, on the decency of the media is ridiculous. A great deal more ridiculous, frankly, than abseiling competently down a well-maintained dam wall on a rope rigged by two Guards officers.

OK, so they probably should have worn helmets: OK, a safety line is better than none. It is even conceivable that St James's Palace was glad to see the pictures and enjoy more caution on the Princes' gang-bro friends. However, there can be nothing but contempt for the nosy tourists who took the photos, Ms LeMorvan and Mr Cumbe. If their intentions had been genuinely kind they could have posted the pictures to the boys' father — his address is no secret — with a note to the effect that they were worried. It would even have been honourable for them to approach the party on the bridge and remonstrate with them as concerned royalists.

Instead, they sold the pictures.

it is a well-built dam wall. Another, meek in the face of universal outrage, murmured that the boys had in fact been trained in abseiling during previous adventure holidays, so it was not their first time.

None of them quite had the nerve to say that in such one-off adventures, some of the responsibility for decisions on safety equipment should rest with the trained adolescent himself. To read some of the papers you would think that this was a case of innocent toddlers randomly dangled over a precipice by a feckless nanny on knitting-wool: not an experienced group of adults organising a brief thrill with younger friends. I have a 15-year-old son of my own, and any time these past three years he has, when sailing his terrifying-looking dinghy or scuba-diving, firmly taken responsibility for all his own safety and gear.

It is quite possible, indeed likely, that some rational decisions were taken on that summer outing, and that — if it had not been inflated into a public issue — it would have contributed its bit to the development of two boys whose future character and abilities matter a good deal to their country. Personally I dread heights, hate mountaineering, and can hardly bring myself to look at a picture of anyone doing a face-forward descent. But all the same, there was a sense of triumph in seeing a young boy, only a year away from a dreadful and spiriting personal tragedy, able to look down into a chasm and step forwards, trusting his own strength and judgment and a rope rigged by his

own safety and gear. I have done. He would certainly not allow me to pronounce his air-line or trapeze harness safe unless he had inspected them himself. He has off his own bat rejected a dive centre as looking too dodgy. Even the prodigious photographer, Ms LeMorvan, observed that she saw the boy "check the equipment" before swinging his legs over the side.

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Victory over disbelief

Simon Barnes on the smile that did for South Africa

Elvis is playing the Sibton White Horse tonight. A party of aliens is picnicking on Walserswick Green. A flock of Gloucester Old Spots has been flying round and round The Scrape at Minsmere. But me, I won't cross the road for these things; my appetite for the impossible is already sated: England have won a Test match; England have won a major Test series. This has not happened for 12 years. This is not going back to boyhood, it is going back to the Pleistocene.

And even yesterday, I could not believe England were going to win. My throat still sore from all the bootless appealing I had to go through the previous day, I took to wagging my head wisely at the television and saying: "They're not going to do it you know. They're really not going to do it." I could not believe England would win: nor, I think, could they.

In the end most things, perhaps all things, turn out to be a question of belief. That holds true in most sports, but perhaps more in cricket than in any other. Look at Ian Botham, a man who was capable of believing six impossible things before breakfast, and then of putting them into action before the bars opened, which was always, in his case, reasonably early.

Cricket is nothing without belief. But over the years — the past 12 — England have established a tradition of militant atheism. England have consistently put out a team of atheists, usually stiffened by a couple of hardline, doctrinaire agnostics.

What must an England cricketer believe in? What is the Apostles Creed of the England cricketer? The trinity of things he must believe in comprise the following: himself, his colleagues, and victory. And over the 12 years in which England have failed to win a full Test series, faith in any single aspect of this tripartite belief has become harder and harder for any single player to sustain.

English cricket moved into the age of materialism, in which nothing is certain any more. Most especially, belief in victory became almost impossible. The age of easy miracles ended a long time ago.

Michael Atherton was for years one of the few men in the England team who had no problem in the self-belief department. It was in victory and in his colleagues that he, lost faith. Mike Brearley entitled one of the chapters in his book *The Art of Captaining "My God, Look What They've Sent Me"*. How many times must Atherton have muttered this atheist's prayer to himself? Especially when deprived, once again, of Angus Fraser, one of the few bowlers capable of giving an England captain the priceless commodity of control.

And so Atherton, one of the great good wags of our time, lost his faith and surrendered the captaincy to Alec Stewart. Stewart — "just call me Gaffer" — is the ultimate kenneic: batting, keeping wicket, captaining, and no doubt insisting on making the tea as well. He is the Corporal Jones of English cricket: "I would like to volunteer to be that man, sir."

And yet he began the summer by taking the performances of the England team from dire to dismal to desperate, and finally to a Test match that was so awful and embarrassing that no one except the real kenneics of cricket's followers could bear to watch. It ended in humiliation at Old Trafford, though oddly enough, not in defeat. England managed a Dun-kirk job. But it was clear at the time that the escape meant nothing.

Hindsight being 20-20, it is clear that the escape meant absolutely everything. The next Test was tight and turned on one of the great bits of crickering combat in recent history: Allan Donald, the greatest fast bowler currently practising, and Atherton, the world's most obstinate batsman. Irresistible force, unmoving object.

In that clash, in that hour, in that perfect passage of sport, the summer was won and lost. Donald, staring and swearing, bowled like a man dispossessed. While Atherton smiled. He is the best at that. What Stephen Potter called "The v-shaped smile". Television gave us the perfect view of this duel: it gave us wild, impassioned eyes of Donald, Atherton's mild gaze, with the unlooked-for garnish of the smile. That smile won the Test. In the end, it won the series.

England have been hunting for belief. Many players have been seeking for belief in themselves, most have been seeking for belief in their colleagues, all have been seeking for belief in the possibility of victory.

Naturally, they would all deny this. They have all had the basic tenets of the sports psychology business drilled into them: never a negative thought in my head, always know you can win, you shouldn't be out there. Well, don't believe a word of it. Professional athletes live a life that brings self-doubt into the sharpest possible focus. Far from being an enviable life, it is based on fear. Fear is their constant companion. Few England cricketers sleep well on Sunday night. The trick is not to banish fear, because that is impossible. The trick is to alchemise the base metal of fear into the gold of victory. For that, you need belief, you need faith. And luck helps, too. Napoleon always asked of a marshal: "Has he luck?" He would have liked The Gaffer.

Painted out

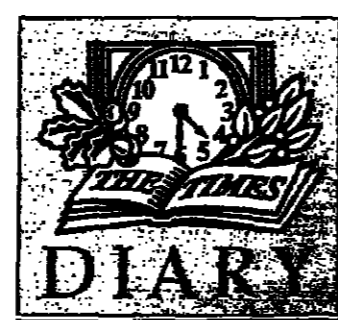
EMMA SERGEANT is not just a dab hand with a paintbrush. The artist who has daubed the Prince of Wales, Lord Olivier and Imran Khan also plays a pukka, albeit discreet, game of polo. While she trades on her image as a Bohemian, I can disclose that she led a team of dashing professional players at Cowdray Park at the weekend, thrashing her opponents and setting herself and her chums up as favourites for the West Sussex cup. The one-time winner of a National Portrait Gallery award even scored a goal, but at some cost: as captain she would have financed the team at a cost of several thousand pounds an hour.

Sergeant's prowess on a pony is leagues away from her trip to Afghanistan in the mid-Eighties when she sought to paint the war zone in the company of Muslim warriors. At the time, she complained of being described as a society portrait painter, saying: "This is a country which will never allow you to achieve if you're privileged. There's a lot of jealousy, which has absolutely dogged my steps."

When I spoke to Sergeant yesterday and told her that I had caught her in her natural setting, she stuck to the same line: "I don't really like talking about polo because it's not very 'struggling artist'." But now we know at least why this woman of so many talents accompanies the Prince of Wales as official artist on all those royal tours through Africa and Central Asia.



SADLY for the budding pink wave in Israel, its team performed miserably at the International Gay and Lesbian Games in Amsterdam. The flagbearers finished last in every competition they entered, even though they had Dana International.



EDWARD WELSH

national, the Israeli transsexual who won the Eurovision Song Contest, as cheerleader.

Party poopers

WHILE Tony Blair enjoys his hols, Labour's awkward squad is using the summer recess to plot some mischief at the party conference. Bob Marshall-Andrews will host a fringe meeting attended by a gaggle of fellow maverick MPs on the eve of the Blackpool banister. Entitled "What prior parliamentary democracy", the evening appears to be designed to expose the group's robotic colleagues and embarrass the Prime Minister. "It will be a wide-ranging discussion of every aspect of government policy, and

the role of backbenchers," says Bob. "An awful lot of them have their own ideas." He assures me. The event promises to be exciting.

RABBI Shmuley Boteach, author of *Kosher Sex*, has been struck dumb. Although shortlisted for The Times's "Preacher of the Year" award, he complains that Orthodox synagogues are refusing to let him deliver a sermon after the publication of his Jewish Karma Sutra. How will he cope with enforced abstinence?

Holy smoke

AS ANGLICAN bishops shuffle home from the Lambeth Conference, I have been asked to award prizes to its participants. My first trophy goes to the Bishop of Salisbury, for excelling as a *prima donna*: he refused to use the altar provided. The accolade for most colourful language, I award to the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Kenneth Stevenson. Upset by the vote on homosexuality, he stormed out, stating: "I'm puffed off." But the honour for greatest insensitivity must go to the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, who swept past his impoverished brother bishops from his Impoverished chauffeur-driven car.



THE amorous adventures of Ernest Hemingway in Africa are to be unveiled after the discovery of a forgotten manuscript he penned near the end of his life. *True at First Light*, which was smuggled out of Cuba by his fourth wife, Mary Welsh, at the start of Castro's revolution, details the author's last Kenyan safari in 1954. The novel, discovered in the Hemingway family attic, features a thinly disguised account of the author's attempts to befriend locals and fictionalises an affair he had with an African woman while married to Mary. Patrick Hemingway's son, who accompanied him on the African jaunt, has agreed to edit the "reflective and humorous" manuscript, to be published on the centenary of the author's birth in July. Elaine Showalter, Professor of English at Princeton University, says Hemingway shied away from addressing race: "If this novel does confront the issue of race in a serious way, not just in an exoticised way, then it will mark a departure."

THE NUMBERS

BRINK OF DARK

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THE NUMBERS GAME

The dangers of inflation in higher education

Thousands of teenagers are on tenterhooks every week. In 48 hours, they will receive their level results — and discover whether they are going to university. Politicians will be celebrating their annual triumph of celebrating students on their success and celebrating the rise in the number of young people entering higher education as "good news". Yet against the backdrop of a rise in the number of students who fail to get a degree, and reports of employers' concern about the low quality of graduates, the orthodoxy that supports the relentless expansion in higher education deserves scrutiny.

In its annual report, the Government set a target of an extra half a million people in colleges and universities by 2002, justifying this as not only beneficial for young people's "development" but also necessary "to meet the economy's demand for highly skilled, highly trained graduates". But, like its predecessor, the Government's fixation with the quantity of young people in higher education is threatening the quality of education they receive, and debasing Cardinal Newman's concept of the university.

Few politicians dare ask whether the expansion in higher education will automatically benefit British industry. Before the rise in student numbers in the late 1980s, Britain had the highest number of graduates (as a proportion of the age cohort of young people) in any country in Western Europe. Our slackness lay in craft skills, held by a mere 10 per cent of British employees compared with over 56 per cent in Germany.

Instead of focusing on this failing, the major Government tried to disguise it by abolishing the binary divide between polytechnics and universities. In a forlorn attempt to rid intellectual snobbery against vocational education, the idea that a polytechnic education would impart a skill, different but equal, especially valued by employers was lost. Instead, new courses appeared, mas-

querading as degrees, in subjects such as creative therapies and leisure management. They are not disciplines Newman would recognise as academic. They lack the precision and practicality of the old polytechnic qualifications.

The rise in the number of teenagers gaining A-levels is held as evidence of improving standards. Debate rages as to whether this is the case. For example, between 1989 and 1997, the number of students taking A-level maths and physics has fallen by almost 16,000 and 13,000 respectively, making it difficult for universities to fill places in maths, science and engineering without appearing to lower barriers to entry. As Professor Anthony O'Hear has pointed out, some students will be on these courses with A-level grades of 2 Es and a D. Other reports suggest that a disturbingly large number of undergraduates have left school without the most rudimentary skills. Lord Dearing, while compiling his report on qualifications for 16 to 19 year-olds, was told how maths undergraduates are becoming over-dependent on calculators. Without these basic skills, it is hardly surprising that the number of students who dropped out or failed their courses has risen from 12 per cent to 19 per cent over the past three years.

To arrest this decline in standards, the Government will rely on bureaucracy — the new Quality Assurance Agency. But this quango's predecessor — the Higher Education Quality Council — oversaw a 20 per cent rise in the number of firsts and 2:1s awarded between 1973 and 1993, and still cannot be sure whether standards have slipped. Rebranding bureaucrats will not address the concerns. The Government must stop playing the numbers game. It must ask whether the inexorable growth in higher education is the getting of wisdom or another, insidious, example of inflation.

THE BRINK OF DARKNESS

Congo slides into civil war against another corrupt ruler

Rebellion in Central Africa is hardly headline news; after all, every country in the region has one. But the minuscule of Banyamulenge (ethnic Tutsi) soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire) threatens regional stability at a particularly tense time. Angola is on the verge of returning to civil war; Zimbabwe is more volatile by the day; Burundi is moving tentatively towards a settlement to end five years of violence that has cost 150,000 lives. He rebels — the most effective part of Congo's army — have seized strategic objectives across the country. In Zaire, they have a on-Tutsi former UNesco official, they have found a political leader who might better guide Congo than the nepotistic and un-democratic President, Laurent Kabila. But unless he goes voluntarily, widespread civil war is imminent. And recent experience in Central Africa shows that civil war spreads.

The current crisis is a byproduct of the Rwandan civil war. The victors used the first Banyamulenge rebellion, in 1996, to empty the last Hutu strongholds in eastern Zaire, and to depose President Mobutu Sese Seko, whose anarchic state threatened regional stability. By spring 1997 their joint advance seemed to present the same threat, as francophone Africa, and Angola's Unita rebels, lined up with Mr Mobutu against Rwanda, the Angolan Government and the anglophones. But agreement by the principal actors — Rwanda, Uganda, the US, and France — that Mr Kabila must replace Mr Mobutu averted escalation.

Now there is no such consensus. Though unloved, Mr Kabila is not yet actively languishing. Angola's President José Eduardo dos Santos is grateful to him for cracking down on Unita's lucrative smuggling, Paris,

whose African policies are in disarray, is neutral; so is Washington, because its disgust with Mr Kabila is balanced by embarrassment at abandoning a man it once keenly endorsed. Only Rwanda and Uganda actively want him to go — partly because he rejects their tutelage, but mostly because his incompetence threatens their hopes for stable government across the region.

Mr Kabila has only himself to blame for his predicament. In 1996 the Banyamulenge rebelled when the old regime stripped them of citizenship and ordered them to leave Zaire. Still labelled as "foreigners", they see Mr Kabila's recent order that all "foreign" troops leave Congo as revisiting dangerous ground. The region's Tutsis — everywhere a minority, with genocide as their principal political memory — have loyalties that transcend borders. Whether Uganda and Rwanda have, as Mr Kabila claims, "invaded" Congo or not, their bases in the east, which are being reinforced, have been crucial in suppressing their Congo-based opponents. To order "foreign" troops out without forces from Kinshasa to take their place was at best foolhardy.

Mr Kabila's lack of probity and competence has denied him powerful Western friends. But a weekend regional summit in Harare showed that countries such as South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe are so nervous of renewed fighting in Congo that they are ready to back him politically. That would be a mistake. Mr Kabila is unlikely to bear the men who brought him to power. He has done little to deserve support; to provide it would simply prolong the civil war and heighten the risk of regional contagion. They would do more for Central Africa stability by persuading him to stand down.

COMEBACK CRICKET

A victory was essential for the future of the English game

That was a famous victory for English cricket. When play resumed at Headingley yesterday, any one of three results was still possible. A tie might have been the fairest finale to this series, which has seared so melodramatically throughout. And it was difficult for Yorkshire John Bull himself in his Union Jack face paint not to feel pity for the South Africans, who have played so hard and come so close to winning so often.

But the huge crowd which had turned out for the prospect of an hour's play was roaring for a different storybook ending. Many of them were not born when England last won a series at home. And although no clergyman in the pavilion chewed through the handle of his umbrella at the suspense of the race between singles and wickets, this was a finish that will go into Wisden and legend as a classic heart-stopper.

Few members of either side would be selected for a World XI. But many mechanical and human computers reckon South Africa to be the second best team in the world. And the series has been a fluctuation of triumph and disaster. It has demonstrated the combination of team morale, individual brilliance, collective panic and luck that make cricket at its best the best game.

Both sides had periods of overwhelming ascendancy and collapse. In every innings a batsman or a pair of fast bowlers had come to the rescue of a hopeless situation. Darren Gough and Jonty Rhodes should be in that World XI for the old-fashioned

pleasure they take from playing their game. Rhodes for his fielding and his name also.

Luck plays a larger part in cricket than in other games, because of the uncertainties of the toss, the wicket and the weather and the hair-breadth decisions umpires take. But luck played too large a part in this series. At least seven batsmen were given out in the last Test, when watchers on television could see that they were not out. Modern television techniques of instant replay, slow motion and close-up magnification put intolerable pressure on umpires, when most people watching the game have a clearer picture of what has just happened than they do.

The solution is to have a third umpire watching television monitors and replays, to be appealed to when a field umpire is in doubt about an lbw decision or a catch behind. There already is one for appeals for run-out. The batsman would still be given the benefit of the doubt, in the rare instances when doubt was left after the replays.

But yesterday's victory will revive the game that England gave to the world. Cricket needs to be restructured. The people who run cricket have to understand that their antique ritual has come into a modern world of million-pound entertainment. Lottery money alone will not resurrect cricket pride or get the children to the wicket again. But a major English victory was the necessary first step. Now for this week's triangular tournament. And this winter the big one: the Ashes tour of Australia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Training and pay behind haemorrhage of NHS staff

From Professor Roger Dyson

Sir, Your account of the crisis caused by the 15 per cent fall in the number of student nurses (report, August 5) again publicises the Royal College of Nursing's complaint about inadequate pay. But the real malaise in recruitment and employment is the highly negative impact of Project 2000, the 1980s training scheme for nurses.

This scheme switched training from the bedside to the lecture theatre and restricted the title "nurse" to those undertaking a university degree or its equivalent, and with the academic qualifications to enter such training.

Many of those with a deep sense of vocation have dropped out because for at least 18 months the scheme debars them from proper patient contact (the profession should be more open about these dropout figures).

Many others with a vocational commitment are unable to meet academic criteria that are higher than necessary for many nursing posts. Those who qualify under Project 2000 expect to lead ward-based teams, only to find that they are required as "Indians", not "chiefs", and many leave disillusioned — often blaming pay as a problem easier to articulate.

The Royal College must bear responsibility for this. Its trade union voice argued that higher status and graduate training would help to increase pay. This has failed quite dramatically: there are now more graduate trained nurses in the lower D grades than in 1989, when grading began. A large number of healthcare assistants (*de facto* if not *de jure* nurses) are now keeping our wards afloat.

The immediate abandonment of the exclusivity of Project 2000 and the reintroduction of a more exper-

ientally based entry to nursing would begin to resolve the crisis. It would also increase the retention of graduate trained nurses as chiefs, not Indians.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr K. R. Tompsett

Sir, My daughter is leaving the profession only a year after completing her four-year nursing degree and RGN (registered general nurse) course. She trained through most of the vacations, and in hospital for a year with no pay or grant, working as a care assistant.

When she got her first job, in the same hospital, she started on the same grade as any non-degree nurse. She had no opportunities to put into practice the modern techniques she was taught: she could gain promotion only by waiting in the queue for additional courses.

Nursing needs practical people, and no one benefits from pretending otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr C. C. Lees, MRCOG

Sir, I was not surprised to read that the NHS is in deep crisis. Doctors, too, are leaving in droves.

Short-term contracts, draconian disciplinary procedures and the stress of coping with unrealistic expectations raised by the Patient's Charter would

not be so bad if there was anything like a private-sector salary to expect. Nurses leaving the NHS to join industry earn 50 per cent more immediately.

Hospital consultants, after five years at medical school and an average of ten further years of unremitting postgraduate examinations and job insecurity, earn just over £40,000 a year. This represents between a third and half the peer salary in accountancy, law or industry. Cytologists who examine cervical smears get less than £10,000.

No one in the NHS expects such settlements; but if Frank Dobson did his sums, he would find that it is much more expensive and wasteful to train new healthcare professionals and lose them through disaffection than to pay the existing ones just a little more.

Yours faithfully,
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From Miss Adrienne May

Sir, The folly of restricting public service pay while allowing market forces to operate in the rest of employment can now be seen. We should not be looking abroad to fill the gap. British jobs should be filled by British, or at least European, people.

Only those with good English should be employed, so that they understand instructions and patients can communicate with and have confidence in them.

Yours faithfully,
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I see no minister of maritime policy

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, The abiding importance to Britain of the sea around us for transport (95 per cent of our trade), food, the environment, mineral exploitation and recreation — and the international ramifications of all these concerns — can hardly be overestimated. But in your "complete list of Government" (July 31) not even an Under-Secretary of State, in any department, is designated as responsible for maritime matters.

Back in April 1975 the present Deputy Prime Minister argued cogently that "there should be a single authority for the conduct, safety and support of (UK) marine activities", responsible to the Secretary of State for Trade, to whom Mr Prescott was at that time PPS. On April 1, 1994, the Marine Safety Agency (MSA) was set up, under the Ministry of Transport; and on April 1, 1998, the MSA became the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), with a corresponding increase in scope and budget.

Given that some aspect of maritime affairs comes within the purview of 20 or so government departments, should not a minister, however junior, be nominated to co-ordinate policy and be responsible to Parliament for the MCA?

Yours faithfully,
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August 3.

'Spectacular' Cowes

From Mr Richard Ottaway, MP for Croydon South (Conservative)

Sir, Your report suggesting that Cowes Week is in decline ("Why Cowes is in the shade", August 6) is very wide of the mark.

Starting from the Royal Yacht Squadron line, surely the most famous yachting location in the world, a quite spectacular regatta is taking place. However, the most notable feature is the several thousand young people participating in a predominantly amateur sport. In this respect it is unfair to compare it with Wimbledon which is a professional event where every visitor is a paying spectator.

It is also inaccurate to suggest that the Royal Family is not participating. Apart from the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Michael of Kent has enjoyed two superb days racing in the Daring Class and the Princess Royal has honoured a charitable dinner with her presence.

The racing has been close, the parties noisy, the Corinthian spirit dominates and a superbly run event is providing a healthy environment for spectators and participants alike. Not unsurprisingly the local business community has benefited as well.

The odd people out are a few journalists looking for silly season stories.

Yours faithfully,
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August 7.

RN plaques

From the Rector of Happisburgh

Sir, Having recently been presented with a plaque bearing the coat of arms of HMS *Invincible* I was concerned to learn (report, August 6; letter, August 8) that this tradition is under threat owing to cost. In our case it was perhaps appropriate that the MoD should bear the expense.

The plaque was given on the day we commemorated the loss in 1801 of over 400 officers and men of a former HMS *Invincible*, many of whom lie buried in the churchyard here. This ship ran aground and was wrecked on sandbanks off Happisburgh whilst on her way to join Nelson at the Battle of Copenhagen.

The gift of a plaque was a kind gesture by the present ship's company, but I was surprised to discover from your report that it cost £50. The Royal Navy's noble tradition should certainly be continued, but with plaques from elsewhere than Savile Row.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HINES,
The Rectory, Happisburgh,
Norwich, Norfolk NR12 0PW.

Job prospects

From Mrs Betty Baker

Sir, Taking on a new servant in East Africa in the 1960s, one read the references from former employers (letters, July 31 and August 5), but by law these were not permitted to say anything detrimental. I did not employ the hopeful who turned up with a letter saying: "Anyone getting this man to work for him will be lucky."

Yours faithfully,
BETTY BAKER,
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Sundridge, Kent TN14 6AD.

From Mrs Anne Urzell

Sir, In Nigeria in the 1960s our favourite reference was: "His fingers are as light as his cakes."

Yours truly,
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Compensation awards

From Professor John A. Davis

Sir, Why are the relatives of alleged victims of negligence, who have themselves suffered little financial hardship as a result, regarded as worthy recipients of financial damages in "compensation" for their bereavement?

Human life is infinitely valuable and essentially priceless and no amount of money will make up for the loss of someone genuinely loved. To exact damages from the NHS as "revenge" merely ensures that there is less money for other patients, who as a result are more likely to be mistreated by exhausted and overworked doctors and nurses, while effecting a net transfer of resources from medicine to lawyers.

There is a simple solution: let the Government (not via the NHS) pay compensation to victims and their families for the purely financial losses they may have sustained as a result of treatment that turned out to be harmful or ineffective, and let the Government recover some or all of its costs from those deemed to be responsible.

This would of course mean that hospitals would have to cease paying the subscriptions to medical defence societies initiated by the tendency of judges and juries to stretch a point in awarding damages to complainants they feel sorry for whatever the evidence.

There is something intrinsically unacceptable about relatives and lawyers setting out to make money from what is often — given human fallibility — an inevitable mistake.

Yours faithfully,
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Millennium bug

From Mrs Anne Johnson-Rooks

Sir, Recently I had my first pre-millennium nasty experience.

Endeavouring to pay by Barclaycard for goods in a well-known store — because my card would not "swipe" the assistant had to input my details by hand — I was told, to my embarrassment, that my card had been rejected. On further investigation with Barclaycard, I was told that the store had input the wrong expiry date.

When Barclaycard subsequently asked the store how this mistake had occurred, they were told that the store's credit card machines had not been updated to cope with the year 2000, and so for all cards expiring from that year on, they were inputting an expiry date of 1999 — so of course the card was rejected.

Is this the thin end of a wedge?
Yours faithfully,
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Post haste

From Mr Campbell Stott

Sir, We have received a postcard from our two sons cycling in the Forest of Dean. It bears a 9p stamp and a surcharge notice. The Royal Mail has waived the surcharge — perhaps because the postmark reads 17. 8. 1977.

Yours faithfully,
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Defendants' right to trial by jury

From Mr Neil Spurrier

Sir, As chairman of the West London Division Magistrates Court, Mr Timothy MacAndrews (letters, August 6) refers to someone accused of stealing a £2.99 chicken pie and electing to go to jury trial as performing a "tactical manoeuvre", designed to secure him a better chance of "getting off".

Is it perhaps just possible that the accused is innocent? Is it possible that his conviction (even if wrong) of stealing a £2.99 chicken pie could lead to his instant dismissal from his employment and perhaps deprive him of an income for ten years or more?

If I (a solicitor) were convicted of such an offence, there is a chance that I would be struck off the roll and not allowed to practise again. I imagine that a security guard or a till operator would probably suffer the same fate. We in this country expect high standards and safeguards in dealing with professional people and employees. This is something for which we all have to pay, not just a few unfortunate people.

No, may the good Lord be merciful unto us and keep jury trials.

Yours faithfully,
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From the Director of The Freedom Association

Sir, Thirty years ago or so I was arrested and charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. I had broken the nose of a friend of mine in a brief struggle in which I was, in my view, legitimately defending myself.

I was advised to "get it over with quickly" in front of a magistrate. I was certain that no magistrate would have any sympathy for anyone who admitted breaking someone's nose in a fight and so would impose a "trivial" penalty on a young man with no previous criminal conviction.

I chose to elect for trial by jury, confident that a jury, interested in a higher justice, would find me not guilty. The trial took a long while to

Detained on board

From Captain John Cakes

Sir, In his letter of August 5, Mr G. P. Stewart refers to British airlines' crew as drivers and waitresses. A reading of the Air Navigation Order, Articles 58 (2) and 53, would clarify his status as an aircraft passenger.

Any aircraft commander bears total responsibility for the safety of his (or her) aircraft, passengers and crew. He has the authority to enable him to discharge that responsibility. The cabin staff are there to ensure the safety of passengers and only after that to see to their comfort.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr John O'Reilly

Sir, In the days of Imperial Airways, Go's predecessors, the pilot sat up front in an open cockpit while his passengers were snug in the luxurious cabin behind. Quite right too.

Yours faithfully,
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Testing times

From Mr G. J. Rawlins

Sir, Let us take nothing away from England's marvellous performance in winning two Tests in succession against South Africa.

Equally, let's not delude ourselves that we can continue to win Test matches with five batsmen and — especially — three bowlers.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Sylvia Crookes

Sir, Who says that Yorkshiremen put money before everything? The noisy machines at our local ropeworks were all switched off at 11am today so that the employees (and the boss) could listen unhindered to the final moments of the Test match.

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BITUARIES

GENERAL SIR HARRY TUZO

General Sir Harry Tuzo, GCB, MC, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 1976-78, died August 7 aged 80. He was born on August 26, 1917.

Harry Tuzo was a man for all political-military seasons: an able soldier and, latterly, a successful chairman in the armaments industry; an overt personality with quick wit, charm, and the ability to handle men from leading international political, military and industrial figures down to the lowest private tier or worker on the shopfloor; a suave and easy speaker, who he over as well on television as in conference rooms; a lover of classical music; and a man who breathed at confidence into any enterprise he tackled.

Tuzo's military career demonstrated the truth of Wavelly's maxim: luck is an essential ingredient for success in high command; until he shed the rank of major-general he always been up with the leaders was never quite seen as having C or Army Board potential. Luck played its part: General Erskine died unexpectedly a few weeks assuming the appointment GOC Director of Operations in Northern Ireland early in 1971 at the height of the IRA threat. Tuzo was selected to his place at short notice, and more justified the Army Board's confidence in him during the two most turbulent years of the Troubles.

Tuzo's military abilities, coupled with his political awareness and intellectual strengths, enabled him to direct operations in Northern Ireland with remarkable serenity of touch. His rapport with his political masters, his firmness with his subordinate commanders and his ability to handle the media — helped him to master his difficult task. Moreover, he had the mental resilience to be able to take the many setbacks associated with the conflict in his stride, and the temperament not to become emotionally involved in local tragedies and the frustrations of the people of their politicians.

It was thanks to his own very considerable efforts that he won the full support and confidence of the Cabinet and Army Board as he faced the IRA's first terminated military offensive, which came soon after he arrived in the Province; then the riding against the conventional introduction of internment without trial in 1971; and the ultimate



Tuzo photographed after taking command in Northern Ireland in 1971

horrors of "Bloody Sunday" in Londonderry in January and "Bloody Friday" in Belfast in July 1972. His outstanding success was the planning and execution of Operation Motorman, which prised open the republican "no-go" areas in both cities, and forced the IRA to turn from trying to generate an all-out revolutionary war towards a terrorist campaign.

Harry Craufurd Tuzo was born in Bangalore, Southern India, the son of John A. Tuzo, and was educated at Wellington and Oriel College, Oxford.

He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery from the Supplementary Reserve of Officers in August 1939. He joined the 21st Anti-Tank Regiment RA, serving with it throughout the war, first in the 1st Divisional Artillery in the British Expeditionary Force, and later in the Guards Armoured Division in Normandy and North-West Europe, where he won his MC and had the unique experience of having a German admiral, his Platoon Officer, Submarine, surrender to him personally at the end of the war.

His career after the war was a balanced mix of staff and artillery appointments. He was made a brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1958 after commanding L (Nery) Battery, in the 2nd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, and served in the Staff Duties Directorate of the General Staff in the War Office as a GSO until given command of the 3rd Regiment, RHA, in 1960. He took this out to Kenya to form part of the Strategic Reserve East of Suez with a battery detached in Aden. He was appointed OBE in 1960.

In 1962 he was appointed Assistant Commandant of Sandhurst, but stayed only for 18 months before being selected, rather surprisingly, for command of the 5th Gurkha Brigade, which was responsible for the central sector of the North Borneo territories, including Brunei, during the confrontation with Indonesia. Well pleased with Tuzo's services, the Sultan of Brunei made him a Dato Setia Nagara in 1965.

On his return to England he attended the Imperial Defence College. In 1966 before his promotion to major-general as Chief of Staff BAOR in 1967, followed by that of Director, Royal Artillery — the professional head of the Gunners — in the Ministry of Defence in 1969, a post from which he had expected to be retired. The death of Erskine Crum gave him the chance to reveal his true worth.

His success in the politico-military environment of Northern Ireland led to his appointment as Commander Northern Army Group and C-in-C BAOR in 1973, where his lightness of touch and his artillery background helped to consolidate the strategy of "flexible response" among the NATO allies. He was then an obvious choice to be General Al Haig's Deputy Supreme Commander Europe in 1976.

Tuzo retired from the Army in 1979 and took up the chairmanship of Marconi Defence Systems. He kept in close touch with the Services as Master Gunner, 1977-83; as chairman of the Royal United Services Institution, 1980-83; and as chairman of the Imperial War Museum's redevelopment appeal fund from 1984. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk.

While he was Master Gunner, he piloted through the new Royal Artillery quick march to complement their well-known and much loved slow march, pleasingly blending *The Voice of the Guns* with *The British Grenadiers*.

He married Monica Patricia Slater in 1943. She and their only daughter survive him.

COLIN IMRAY

Colin Imray, colonial policeman and author, died on July 2 aged 89. He was born on August 21, 1909.

COLIN IMRAY was the man who fired the shots which began the end of British rule in Africa and accelerated the events that Harold Macmillan would later refer to as "the wind of change".

In February 1948, Imray was the superintendent in charge of police in Accra. The Gold Coast had long been considered Britain's model colony in West Africa, but there was growing unrest. Its economy was in poor shape; inflation was high and Africans were boycotting the imported goods stores run by Greeks and Lebanese. Furthermore, the cocoa crop was suffering from a blight known as swollen shoot disease. Rumours began to abound that the British had introduced the blight deliberately in order to shift the cocoa plantations to another colony.

Stirring this volatile mix was a nationalist movement dancing to the inspired oratory of Kwame Nkrumah. Much of Nkrumah's support came from the 63,000 ex-servicemen in the country who had served in the British-ruled African divisions in East Africa and then against the Japanese in Burma.

On Saturday, February 28, Imray, together with another British officer, Barry Lane, and some 30 African police of whom 11 had firearms, found themselves at a crossroads confronting 2,000 angry ex-servicemen. The crowd was on its way to Government House, ostensibly to deliver a petition concerning living conditions and other matters to the Governor, Sir Gerald Creasy.

Two days previously, the organisers of the march had agreed to deliver their petition to the Government's Secretariat building. Lulled by this, the Police Commissioner, Sir Richard Ballantine, had been quite sanguine about the protest. Imray had never shared his superior's confidence. By mid-afternoon his worst fears had come to pass. Many of the war veter-

ans were drunk on palm wine. Some had armed themselves with sticks and cudgels, and there were plenty of loose stones lying about.

Imray ordered his bugler to sound the alert and then stepped forward and told the crowd to disperse. The response was a shower of stones. Barry Lane, the other European officer present, replied with tear gas grenades, but they were old and ineffectual. Then Lane was brought down by a stone which caught him full in the face, breaking sever-

al teeth. He struggled back to his feet, but Imray, who was himself suffering from a cracked rib, a badly bruised kneecap and a cut under one eye, felt that they were on the brink of being overwhelmed.

With the crowd no more than thirty yards away, he ordered the armed party to load one round — a showy business involving much rattling of rifle bolts, which was intended to intimidate. The veterans, egged on by a man with a wooden horn, were unimpressed. Imray gave the order to shoot but nothing happened. Whether this was out of fear or solidarity with the rioters was never established.

Imray described what happened next in a memoir he published last year: "Desperately I tore the rifle and bandolier from the nearest man, stuffed six rounds into the magazine, levelled on the man

After the Accra riots, Imray was transferred to Kenya, where he became an assistant commissioner. But he and his wife Elaine wished to bring up their children in England, and Imray was becoming disillusioned with police work. In 1958 he took early retirement, worked for some years as a junior school teacher and wrote three volumes of memoirs.

Amusing and erudite, Colin Imray bore his last illness with courage, keeping up his voluminous correspondence with friends and acquaintances to the very end. His wife predeceased him, and he is survived by two sons.



PROFESSOR MICHAEL KITSON

Professor Michael Kitson, a historian, died on August 10 aged 72. He was born on January 30, 1926.

EW scholars, critics or historians have written about the timing of landscape with reater sensitivity and elegance or taught the subject with a deeper understanding than Michael Kitson, who for more than forty years lectured students in Britain and

America, finishing his career as Professor of History of Art in the Universities of London and Yale.

From 1955 to 1985, he taught at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London University. Under the directorship of Anthony Blunt, the institute was at that date the leading centre in the world for the study of art history. Kitson, one of its most distinguished members, served as lecturer, reader and

professor, becoming in due course deputy director, teaching and training a generation of art historians who now hold chairs and direct museums around the world.

In 1986 Kitson was appointed Director of the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art in London. It was a happy choice, a golden epilogue to his Courtauld career, and in the six years of his directorship Kitson strengthened

the cordial relations with the "mother house" in Yale, while fostering autonomous academic achievements in London. His generosity and his modesty were contagious, and, as always where Kitson was concerned, it seemed possible for all involved to attain the highest standards with a complete absence of academic vanity or acrimony.

In his retirement, happily spent with his partner in many

years, Judith Colton, he continued to work, contributing in 1997 to the catalogue of the National Gallery's exhibition of the Mabon collection of Baroque paintings.

The son of a clergyman, Michael William Lely Kitson was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, at King's College, Cambridge, and at the Courtauld Institute. His education was interrupted by three years in the Army, 1945-48, which saw him commissioned into the Royal Engineers and attached to Security Intelligence Middle East in Egypt.

In 1952 he was appointed an assistant lecturer in the history of art at the Slade School, a post he held until 1954. The following year he joined the Courtauld, where he was to remain for the next 30 years.

His artistic, like his human, sympathies were wide. From the beginning Kitson established himself as an authority on Claude Lorraine, the 17th-century French landscape painter, and also on Turner; and for the whole of his career he continued to publish on both.

This might not seem very surprising, given Turner's interest in — indeed, infatuation with — the works of Claude. But on top of this Kitson over the years published books which have remained authoritative on Rembrandt and Caravaggio, and valuable general studies of both Baroque and Romanticism.

At the heart of his work, however, lay Claude Lorraine, whose poetic evocations of an ideal landscape have for centuries beguiled British art lovers, and have even shaped our notions of what a properly landscaped garden ought to be. In 1969 Kitson organised the first exhibition ever devoted



Kitson: conveyed the poetry of landscape painting

to the artist. Highly popular, it was a rigorously selective show: a larger choice, he characteristically explained, "would not have served any scholarly purpose and might have seemed excessive to people who rightly come to exhibitions for pleasure".

In the introduction to the catalogue — one of the finest pieces ever written on Claude — Kitson set out his ideas on how the artist should be approached. "The first quality necessary to the enjoyment of Claude's art is patience. He is not a painter who offers instant sensations... The process of coming to terms with his work is one of careful adjustment, of opening oneself to the

harmonies in which he specialises... it repays the patience expended on it by *lasting*, by being — as Constable said of a copy of Claude he was making — "something to drink at again and again".

In the body of the catalogue, a full scholarly apparatus of chronology and provenance, condition and bibliography was deployed. The political and intellectual worlds which shaped the artist's life and the structures of patronage affecting his production were rapidly sketched. Yet in every entry, as in everything he wrote, it is clear that for Kitson these were secondary questions; for painting a landscape was above all an act of poetic crea-

tion, which may be studied, tracked, described, but never fully understood. This approach was surely in large measure the result of his having first read English at Cambridge, and it is, in a particular sense, literary. Once the authenticity of the text (or picture) is established, and its context set, the full ungraspable poetic achievement of the artist may be assessed and admired. And the quiet ease of his style allowed him to convey an astonishing amount of information with no didactic straining, and to evoke, even for those who have never drawn or painted, something of the mysterious power of making. Here he is on Turner: "Turner at this stage [Kitson is writing of the superb early 1840s watercolour of Lake Lucerne in the Courtauld Institute Galleries] made only rough pencil notes on the spot and executed even the watercolour sketches wholly away from the moor, in his hotel room in the evenings. In this manner, he let his imagination play over the memory of what he had seen, and fused his recollection of the literal experience of the place with the sensations it evoked in him of air, light, space and colour. "In the finished watercolours executed later in London, this process of imaginative recreation and transformation was carried still further, so that the resulting image became like the nostalgic memory of a dream." Few since Ruskin have written on Turner to such effect.

Michael Kitson's first marriage, to Annabella Leslie Clousley, was dissolved. He is survived by two sons of the marriage and by his partner, Judith Colton.

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Siemens losing £1m a month on PFI project

By Jason Nisse

SIEMENS, the German group that last month was forced to close its North Tyneside semiconductor plant at a cost of 1,100 jobs, is losing up to £1 million a month because of problems with a high-profile Private Finance Initiative project for the Home Office.

A £100 million project to computerise the Immigration and Nationality Directorate in Croydon is running up to two years late,

hampering plans by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to reduce the waiting list of asylum-seekers waiting to gain permanent residency in the UK. Siemens, which was awarded the contract by Michael Howard, Mr Straw's predecessor, had promised to bring the system online last October. As the deadline approached, Siemens told the Home Office that it had problems and said the system would go live early last month. Now it has missed that revised deadline. Siemens has agreed to bring in an intermedi-

ate version of the programme next month with the hope of going fully live next year. The Home Office has cut the amount it is due to pay Siemens dramatically — which under the contract should be £14 million a year — until it has a fully operating service. Siemens has also parted company with its main sub-contractor on the project, Perot Systems, the firm founded by billionaire Ross Perot after he left EDS, his previous company. Siemens is currently vying with EDS for the £1 billion deal to take over the

back office functions of National Savings, a contract due to be awarded in October. Yesterday both the Home Office and Siemens admitted the system had problems, but denied that it was affecting the normal running of the Immigration Service. A Home Office spokesman said: "The problems with the backlog of asylum-seekers has been well publicised and these system problems have nothing to do with that." Neither side would detail by how much the payments to Siemens had been reduced,

though both agreed there had been cuts. Siemens said that it had been able to deliver some of the operational consultancy that was part of the contract. The problems with the Immigration Service contract show why many information technology groups are wary of PFI contracts. Andersen Consulting recently admitted to losses of £23 million in its delivery of the NIRS II database systems for the Contributions Agency, which was delivered more than a year late.

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FTSE 100	5567.6	(-92.8)
FTSE All Share	2258.13	(-35.95)
Nikkei	15626.42	(-222.75)
Dow Jones	8588.79	(+0.77)
S&P Composite	1088.87	(-0.58)
COMMODITIES		
3-mth interest rate	7.75%	(77.50)
Life long gilt	110.16	(109.84)
CURRENCY		
New York	1.6330*	(1.6290)
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£ index	104.2	(103.9)
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SFR	1.4862*	(1.4857)
Yen	146.52*	(146.16)
£ index	114.8	(114.5)
Tokyo close Yen 146.63		
COMMODITY PRICES		
Brent 15-day (Oct.)	\$12.55	(\$12.50)
London close	\$285.55	(\$286.15)

Mandelson in BA clash with Brussels

By Carl Mortished, International Business Editor

PETER MANDELSON, the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, is being drawn into a new row between London and Brussels over competition in the airline market. Karel van Miert, Europe's Competition Commissioner, yesterday said that proposals by the Office of Fair Trading to allow British Airways to sell its landing slots were "unacceptable". Mr Van Miert contradicted advice given on Friday by John Bridgeman, Britain's Director-General of Fair Trading, to Mr Mandelson, concerning the surrender of some 70 landing slots that would be required to allow the alliance between BA and American Airlines to proceed. Mr Van Miert believes the slots should be given away, a move that could deprive BA of hundreds of millions of pounds. Mr Bridgeman advised the Secretary of State last week that the slots had a monetary value and that BA should be allowed to recoup that value just like any other company when forced by competition authori-

ties to give up an asset. However, Mr Van Miert insisted yesterday that a sale would be contrary to Council Regulation 95/93. He said: "Such a sale is also unacceptable under the EC competition rules because it would raise barriers to entry...it would unduly favour those airlines which have been long established at the most important EU airports." The dispute emerged as BA published first-quarter figures which showed a rise in operating profits but a fall in the revenue earned per passenger mile. Fears of increased competition and falling yields caused BA shares to plunge in value almost 6 per cent to 557p. Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, said the airline had long advocated that the best way to allocate scarce resources was through the market. He said: "If you can buy and sell European milk quotas, why not have a free market in landing slots?" The dispute will force Mr Mandelson to choose between the advice of his own competition authority and that of Brus-

sels. A spokesman for the DTI confirmed that the Secretary of State has the final say in the matter. "The Commission would have to appeal to the European Court." Mr Bridgeman's letter to Mr Mandelson said: "A decision by you under article 85(3) could override the regulation, for the purposes of promoting competition, by expressly allowing sale." BA's headline pre-tax profits fell 34 per cent in the first quarter to £145 million, but the comparison was skewed by an exceptional profit last year from the sale of a stake in USAir. Mr Ayling said the 24 per cent rise in operating profits was a good result and attributable to cost-cutting measures. "Without the benefit of the business efficiency programme we would have had poor results," he said. The airline also benefited from a sharp fall in fuel costs, but it suffered a 4.5 per cent fall in revenue per traffic kilometre, a vital measure of how much money BA makes for every mile it travels. BA's load factors were also hit by increased capacity as airlines shifted planes from Asia to Europe and the US. The strong pound is helping rivals like Lufthansa to compete for transfer traffic at Heathrow. Mr Ayling explained that the yield per passenger had been hit by business travellers shifting to economy class. "The slowdown in the British economy is causing British companies to look at their costs." Earnings per share fell from 16.3p to 12.6p in the quarter ended June 30. Commentary, page 23
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Philip Cushing, left, and Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, Inchcape chairman, yesterday

Inchcape sells bottler

By Adam Jones

INCHCAPE, the once sprawling conglomerate that now wants to focus on car sales and distribution, is selling its Coca-Cola bottling plant in the Russian Federation to Coke for US\$187 million (£115 million). The sale should be followed soon by disposal of Inchcape's Coca-Cola bottling business in South America and a "substantial return of cash" to shareholders in 1999. Russian Bottling, which has net assets of £96 million, made a first-half operating loss of £7.1 million. Inchcape was looking to demerge its South American bottling businesses, which made a half-year profit of £2.5 million. Philip Cushing, chief executive, said a trade sale is now a more attractive option. Inchcape's first-half profits before tax and exceptionals fell to £60 million from £78.8 million. The strong pound wiped £7.9 million from profits and the planned reduction of Inchcape's stake in Toyota's UK operation £8.1 million. Sales fell to £2.84 billion (£3.28 billion). Earnings per share excluding exceptionals were 6.1p (8.1p). An interim dividend of 4.5p (4.4p) is due on August 21. Commentary, page 24

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Claremont in takeover talks

By Sarah Cunningham

CLAREMONT Garments, one of Marks & Spencer's main clothing suppliers, has revealed that it is in takeover talks. It is also considering offers to buy its lingerie division and possibly its formalwear division. "We're first, another Marks & Spencer supplier, believed to be interested. Other candidates to buy either the whole of the debt-laden company, or single divisions, are thought to be William Baird and another privately owned Marks & Spencer supplier. "Courtrooms Textiles would be another possibility, but they appear not to be in acquisition mode," one analyst said. "Whoever it is who buys it will have to accelerate the move abroad." Claremont has been slower than some other textiles companies to shift produc-

tion to countries with cheaper labour, such as Morocco and Turkey. Analysts said that Marks & Spencer might bank at too much of its production going to any particular supplier, and so could be influential in how Claremont is divided up or sold. Claremont said that if it is taken over, it is likely to be at only a small premium to the market price. Its shares closed up 2 1/4p yesterday at 32 1/4p. The company, which now supplies only M&S, has had a tough year. In June it said it had to refund £2.5 million to the Inland Revenue after discovering it had paid the wrong import duty on school skirts for three years. Its pre-tax loss last year was £12 million, against £4.15 million a year earlier. Commentary, page 23

Goldman team step closer to windfall

GOLDMAN SACHS, the privately owned US investment bank, moved closer to a \$25 billion (£15.6 billion) flotation when its partners met to approve plans for a public offering in the autumn (Richard Miles writes). After a meeting lasting more than six hours, Goldman confirmed that it would press ahead with its intention to float 10-15 per cent of the bank and so end a 129-year-old partnership, one of the most successful on Wall Street. The

190 partners stand to reap windfalls of about \$80 million as their capital investment in the firm is converted into stock at several times its current value. Senior managing directors are each expected to receive shares worth up to \$15 million. A committee established after June's decision to go public will draw up plans to provide far less generous payouts for the firm's 10,000 employees. Limited partners and institutional investors will also receive shares when the bank floats in October. Details of the distribution will not be made public until Goldman files with the Securities & Exchange Commission at the end of August. Goldman will then prepare an offer document and embark on roadshows to sell its stock worldwide. However, yesterday's meeting — which was held as a televised conference, linking New York with London and Tokyo — has been overshadowed

by recent falls on the US stock market, which could lead to lower payouts for the managing directors and others. Goldman's co-chief executives, Jon Corzine and Henry Paulson, argue that the firm needs to join the stock market to boost its \$6.3 billion capital base, although many executives believe a flotation will destroy the bank's distinctive culture, which has enabled it to attract some of the most talented people in the industry.

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Markets stagger in wake of Asian worries

By Janet Bush, Economics Editor

THE LONDON stock market sagged yesterday as Wall Street continued to be beset by concerns about Asian economies, the weakness of the yen and worries about the threat of a Chinese devaluation. Domestic economic worries also hit the FTSE 100 index which closed 97.5 points lower at 5,562.9. A new survey of UK fund managers by Merrill Lynch showed that expectations of corporate profits have collapsed as worries about a UK slowdown are compounded by the troubled global outlook. The survey showed that nine out of ten managers regard the profits outlook as unfavourable with earnings per share expected to grow by only 5 per cent this year and next. Of those polled, 25 per cent of managers said that they expected global deflationary pressures to hit UK profits. The latest retail sales monitor compiled by the British Retail Consortium and published today confirms that activity on Britain's high streets is now slowing significantly. July showed year-on-year growth in the value of sales of 1.5 per cent. However, the average of the past three months showed that sales are at their weakest since early 1995. Bridget Rosewell, BRC chief economic adviser, said that the Monetary Policy Committee was justified in last week's decision not to raise interest rates. Inflation trends remain benign. The Office for National Statistics yesterday reported that producers' output prices were only 0.8 per cent up on a year ago in July. Barclays Bank, together with Janet Bush, our Economics Editor, is this morning holding "cybersurgery" on the euro. Barclays website is www.euro.barclays.co.uk.

Stars' venture fails to shine

From Andrew Butcher in New York

WHILE Hollywood movies have enjoyed a record summer at the box office, theme restaurant Planet Hollywood has been having a hard time. Yesterday the company co-founded by British businessman Robert Earl revealed an unexpected second quarter loss. The dismal second quarter for the chain of 97 restaurants ended with a \$1.4 million (£850,000) loss and the company announced it was unlikely to turn a profit for the rest of 1998. The result compared with a \$16.3 million net profit for the same period last year. The result emerged two weeks after Mr Earl, 50, was replaced as president of the struggling group by William Baumhauer. Three weeks ago the company hired Goldman Sachs and Bear Stearns to find potential strategic financial partners, a move seen as effectively putting the company up for sale. The chain has outlets in London, Sydney and several American cities. An effort to attract stars such as George Clooney to join present celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis in endorsing Planet Hollywood was not enough to bring in customers. Turnover at the Planet Hollywood restaurants and sibling All-Star Cafes fell 17 per cent in the quarter. Shares in Planet Hollywood hovered just above \$5 yesterday, a dramatic slide from their peak of \$28.25 in September, 1996, not long after opening.

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Flextech to fight ITC decision

Flextech, the television programming group, yesterday said it was seeking judicial review of the Independent Television Commission's decision on "unbundling" cable and satellite channels.

The ITC has outlawed minimum carriage requirements and programme-timing obligations, which mean that viewers have had to pay for many cable and satellite channels to get the ones they want.

Flextech said that it wanted review of whether the ITC was within its rights in trying to regulate terms of supply of services and whether it had acted illegally by interfering with existing contracts.

Chiroscience deal
Chiroscience, the drug developer, underpinned its stock market valuation with a deal valuing its ChiroTech subsidiary at £100 million. Ascot, owner of Mitchell Cotts Chemicals, is paying Chiroscience £30 million for 30 per cent of ChiroTech, a supplier of a key ingredient for Zingon, Glaxo Wellcome's anti-HIV drug.

Stoves complains
Stoves, the cooker maker, has blamed the strong pound's effect on European exports for results that were below earlier hopes. Pre-tax profits for the year to May 31 rose 5 per cent, to £5.4 million, on turnover up 13 per cent, to £90.5 million. A 4.2p final dividend, due on October 14, makes 6.4p (5.8p).

Cox will buy
Cox Insurance, the Lloyd's of London underwriter, will use its right to compulsorily buy underwriting capacity from a minority of names linked with syndicate 1485 who did not accept its offer. Cox won 91.7 per cent acceptances. On syndicate 1176, which insures nuclear installations, acceptances were 75 per cent; the offer is to stay open until 25 August. On 218, a motor specialist, acceptances were 49 per cent. Cox has closed the offer.

Mayflower and Volvo in hot pursuit of Dennis

By ADAM JONES

MAYFLOWER, the automotive group, found itself up against another European car-maker, Volvo, yesterday when it launched a hostile bid for Dennis, the bus chassis and fire truck maker.

Last year, Mayflower had to give up its ambition of owning Rolls-Royce Motor Cars after opposition from BMW, which also wanted the luxury car-maker.

Yesterday, John Simpson, the chief executive of Mayflower,

launched a 450p a share bid for Dennis, a supplier to Mayflower's Walter Alexander bus arm — then suddenly found himself in competition with Volvo.

The Swedish company is taking a 10 per cent stake in Henlys and backing the plan to merge with Dennis.

Mayflower is trying to gate-crash an agreed merger between Dennis and Henlys, which is structured as an offer of 64 Henlys shares for every 100 Dennis shares.

Both deals would create an

integrated busmaker — rare in the UK, where chassis and bodies are supplied separately, but common overseas.

When Mr Simpson indicated that it was considering a bid last Friday, Henlys shares fell from 590p to 529p, hitting the value of the merger plan.

However, the shares bounced back yesterday, closing at 577p, after Volvo revealed its plans to take a stake in Henlys.

Volvo said the holding would "reinforce the industrial and commercial co-operation

that already exists between the two companies".

They work together in Britain and South-East Asia and both have shareholdings in Prevost, a Canadian company.

Mayflower's 450p cash offer values Dennis at £255 million. The Henlys offer would value Dennis at only 370p a share, or about £210 million.

Mayflower said it would be able to cut lead times on deliveries if the purchase goes through and a deal would make both companies more competitive internationally.

Henlys said it was reviewing its position but added that it still believes its plan to merge with Dennis to be superior. The board said it welcomed "the confidence expressed by Volvo" and said Henlys and Volvo would co-operate in selling Henlys-Dennis products internationally if the merger went through.

Mr Simpson said he believed Henlys would have to make a new cash bid to be successful. Dennis shares rose from 456p to 469p. Mayflower shares fell from 195p to 184p.

Scott quits as Saatchi chairman

By JASON NISSE

CHARLES SCOTT, who was responsible for ousting Lord Saatchi from Saatchi & Saatchi, is to leave the advertising group to concentrate on his role as chairman of Cordiant Communications Corporation, which demerged from Saatchi last year.

Bob Seelert, Saatchi's chief executive, is replacing Mr Scott as chairman while Kevin Roberts, who runs the Saatchi agency network, is to become chief executive. Wendy Smyth, the part-time finance director, is moving to become part-time director of corporate affairs.

Saatchi's first clean set of results after the demerger showed a 44 per cent increase in profits before tax and exceptional items to £12.4 million in the six months to June 30.

Earnings per share were 3.6p and there is a 0.5p dividend, deferred until the abolition of ACT next year.

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Leader of the pack: Bob Seelert, the new chairman, centre, and fellow Saatchi workers after the firm's interim results yesterday

Bid hopes boost National Power

SHARES in National Power rose 16p to 539p yesterday, with almost six million shares traded, on bid hopes after it emerged that John Devaney, executive chairman of Eastern Group, is trying to put together a £7 billion offer for the company. Mr Devaney is attempting to form a consortium to buy National Power, the country's largest generator, whose shares have fallen because of regulatory uncertainty in the sector. However, it is thought Mr Devaney has yet to recruit a major company to give the consortium the power it needs to mount such a substantial bid.

National Power has yet to learn how many power stations it will be required to sell by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, as he tries to stimulate more competition in generation. It is possible the company could refuse to co-operate — a move that would spark a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. **Commentary, page 23**

Sun Life double blow

SUN LIFE OF CANADA, the mutual insurer which went into the red last week after writing off £324 million of profits from its UK subsidiary, has suffered more bad news after two leading rating agencies in the US announced they had turned bearish on the company. Investors Services warned investors it had put its Aa1 financial strength rating for SLOC and its US subsidiary on review for a possible downgrade. Standard & Poor's, meanwhile, changed its outlook for the company from stable to negative.

Pan Andean woe

PAN ANDEAN RESOURCES, the AIM-listed company, suffered worsening losses in the year to March 31. Pre-tax losses stretched to £388,677 from £110,571 in the previous year. Losses per share stretched from 0.26p to 0.82p. The company said that the large Chapare concession in Bolivia remains its main focus. It is negotiating with potential partners. The company also said there have been significant discoveries adjacent to Chapare. The shares fell 1p to 10p.

Gander offer agreed

GANDER HOLDINGS, the property group, yesterday revealed a recommended offer of £24.4 million for Barrasford, the AIM-listed rival. Shareholders in Barrasford will be offered four new Gander shares for every five they hold. Yesterday Barrasford shares remained at 8p and Gander shares were unchanged at 10.6p. Gander said the deal would provide the enlarged group with critical mass in its core residential lettings market in Kensington and Chelsea.

Dip at Parc Asterix

PARC ASTERIX, the amusement park inspired by Asterix the Gaul, the popular French cartoon strip, yesterday blamed the World Cup for a drop in attendance that dented half-year sales. Turnover dipped to £163 million (£16 million) in the first half of 1998 from £166 million in the first half of 1997. A 4 per cent rise in spending per visitor did not fully compensate for a fall in attendance at the site, which is 40km north of Paris, as people stayed at home in June to watch the football.

Silvermines rises 18%

SILVERMINES, the electrical equipment group, raised pre-tax profits by 18 per cent to £3 million in the six months to June 30, on sales up 53 per cent to £57.7 million. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 0.45p after exceptional items and the dividend rises from 0.45p to 0.5p. The company said that its order book was up 26 per cent and included improved Asian orders. Bob Morton, chairman, said: "We expect a solid performance in the second half." The shares rose 1/2p to 40 1/2p.

Workspace on the up

WORKSPACE, the property group, raised pre-tax profits by 15 per cent to £1.56 million on sales up 14.3 per cent to £5.45 million in the three months to June 30. Earnings rose 7.4 per cent to 7.2p and the net asset value per share rises from 52.9p to 53.1p. Alan Porter, chairman, said: "During the past weeks demand for space has continued at a high level. So far there is little evidence of recession and we are optimistic that the current financial year will bring good results."

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Bank	Bank	
Days	Days	
Australia \$	2.62	2.64
Austria Sch	21.43	19.77
Belgium Fr	63.07	59.11
Canada C\$	2.59	2.41
Denmark Dkr	0.8975	0.8280
France Fr	11.66	10.77
Germany DM	10.21	9.43
Italy Lit	3,061	2,825
Japan Yen	208	199
Switzerland Fr	13.47	12.27
Spain Ptas	129	129
UK £	1,200	1,120
USA \$	6.29	5.73
India Rupee	50.41	29.04
Indonesia Rp	253.59	236.08
Malaysia RM	0.872	0.813
Netherlands Gld	3.468	3.171
New Zealand \$	3.35	3.11
Norway Kr	3.05	2.82
Portugal Esc	305.47	287.44
S Africa Rand	10.89	9.93
Spain Ptas	257.97	238.18
Sweden Kr	13.99	12.89
Switzerland Fr	2.581	2.373
Taiwan New	49.518	42.990
USA \$	1.739	1.598

Orange on course to move into the black

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ORANGE, the mobile phone network company, is poised to move into profit next year after cutting its losses and recording its first operating profit in the first half of this year.

The UK's third biggest mobile operator after Vodafone and Cellnet cut pre-tax losses by a third to £49.1 million and increased sales by 25 per cent to £534.4 million.

Its operating profit was £2.2 million compared with an operating loss of £39.9 million for the same period last year. Losses per share fell from 6p to 4p.

Orange said its customers now topped the 1.5 million mark. Some of the increase has been driven by pre-payment mobile phones although Orange has a smaller share of this market than its rivals.

The company is to pump extra resources into trying to curb the "churn rate" — the frequency with which subscribers leave for new contracts with other companies.

Orange's churn rate rose to 18.9 per cent for the 12 months to the end of June compared with 15.2 per cent for the year ending last December.

Switch by borrowers lifts Skipton

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SKIPTON Building Society has doubled its share of net new mortgage lending to 3 per cent over the past six months as borrowers switch to better rates offered by mutuals (Richard Miles writes).

The society, which yesterday reported a 5.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £19.1 million, said gross lending had risen nearly 50 per cent in the first half, pushing assets above £4 billion.

It said the figures showed that annuals could deliver better value than institutions paying dividends.

Groves Europe to close crane builder

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE North East is to suffer hundreds more job losses after a crane manufacturer yesterday announced its closure.

The announcement comes only days after the area was hit by the loss of 1,000 jobs from Siemens.

Groves Europe, which owns a crane-building business based in Sunderland, will axe 670 jobs when it shuts its business. The operation has suffered losses over the past six years.

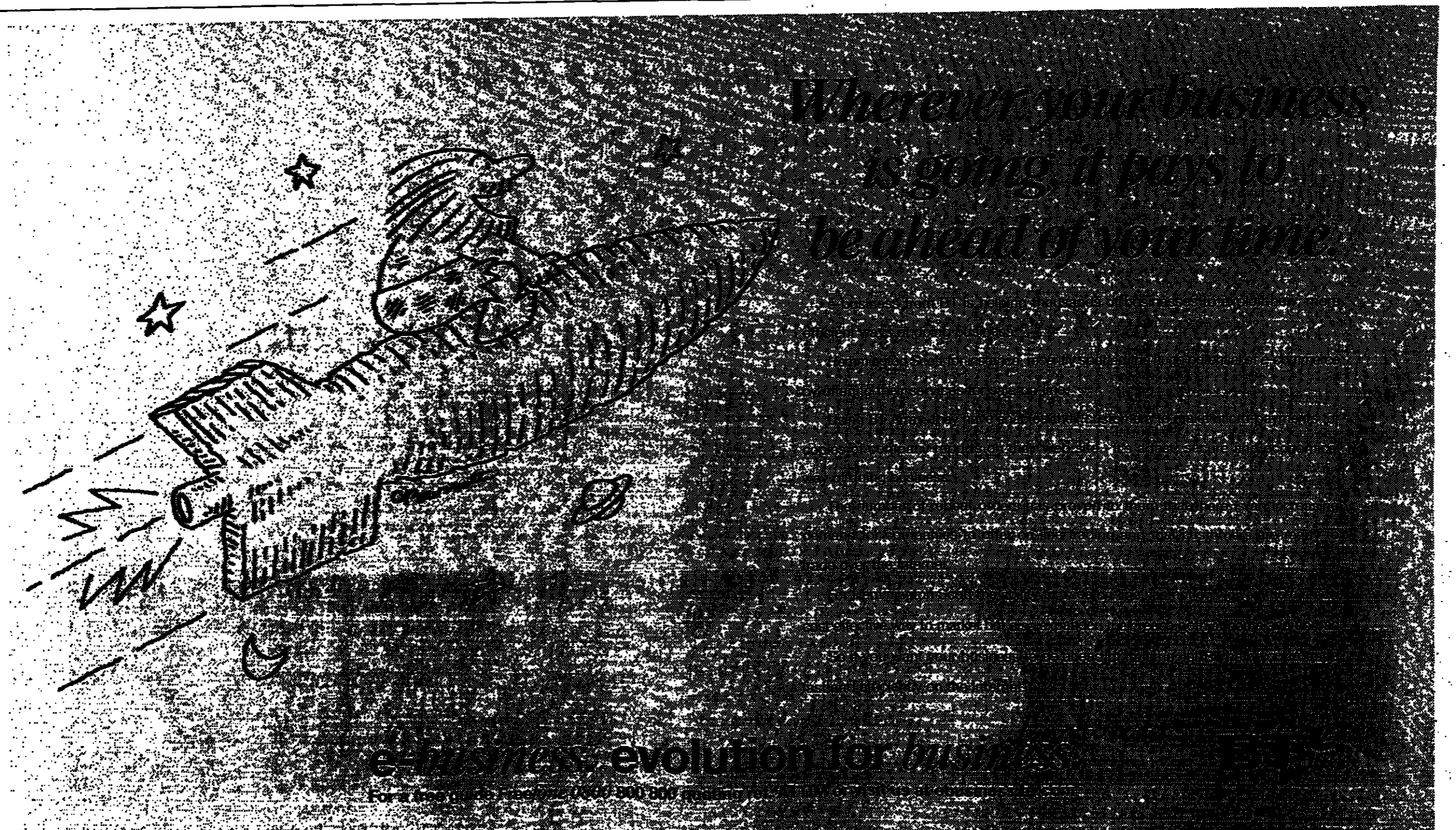
The company will start laying off workers in November and it will cease all manufac-

turing operations by the end of the year.

Other business, such as marketing and customer support, will continue to be run from Sunderland.

Union leaders were hoping for last-minute salvage talks with the management. However, it is thought unlikely that the company, which has reviewed its worldwide operations, will be persuaded to change its plans.

Groves Europe took over the crane builder, which was formerly Coles Cranes, from the receiver in 1984.



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Investors take flight as FTSE hits six-month low

LONDON shares suffered one of their most serious downturns in recent months yesterday, as nervous selling forced the FTSE 100 index down almost 100 points to a new six-month low.

The tentative recovery witnessed on Friday was demolished by a 200-point drop in the Nikkei and a weak opening on Wall Street.

After last week's volatility, London dealers were again feeling insecure. One fund manager said: "Those of us who piled back in on Friday have been stung. The senior fund managers are on holiday, so it's a much more dangerous market."

The picture was repeated across Europe: all bourses dropped on thin trading. By the time Wall Street started to recover, the FTSE 100 had fallen 92.8 points to 5387.6. The number of blue chip shares changing hands dropped below the 300 million mark, for only the third time this year.

Hardest hit was Reed International, off 35p to 52p. Dealers said that profit downgrades after last week's results had been joined by uncertainty created by management changes. British Airways lost 34p to 57p after returning financial results and Rediff and Coleman which had withstood the FTSE bear run - fell 70p to £10.95.

Orange was the best FTSE 100 performer, up 6p cent to 79p on solid results. A minor rebound from department stores lifted House of Fraser up 2p to 127p. Debenhams up 8p to 33p and Great Universal Stores up 33p to 72p.

Shares of Lady In Leisure were 32p better at 22p after the health club admitted it had received a takeover approach. Anonymous sources, claiming to be close to the negotiations, have contacted The Times claiming the company is examining a cash offer of £18 million - or 307p a share.

This high valuation was backed by a note issued by Greig Middleton last month suggesting an enterprise value of £25 million, and a fair value of 593p per share based on future growth prospects.

Trade in Desire Petroleum is heading up again. The oil exploration company, whose sole assets are two gas fields off the Falkland Islands, is due a progress update.

Internet reports say that gas flares have been seen off the



Clem Jansen saw shares in Silvermines slip 1/2p despite the positive news the engineer delivered with its interim

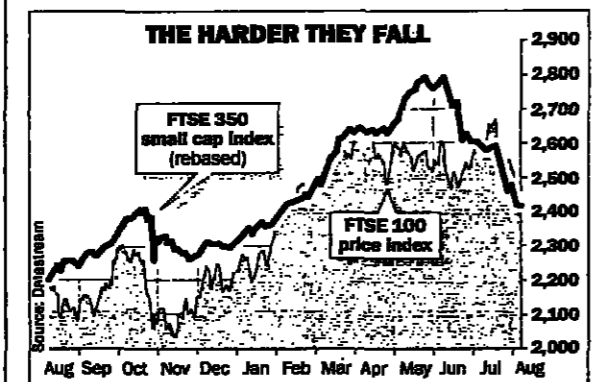
oil tranche in which Desire has a 25 per cent stake.

If gas is found, Matheson Investments estimates Desire's shares will be worth £17.08 apiece. If it finds nothing, the shares will be worth nothing. They were up 8 1/2p to 178 1/2p yesterday.

Booker's shares are continuing to advance on the prospect that its mystery takeover

bidder will offer north of £630 million to take the agricultural conglomerate apart. The shares added 13p to 255p yesterday, and some brokers are advising clients to hold on for a 300p offer.

The first fruits of the rescue package for the Charned Tunnel rail link were picked yesterday by S Daniels, a food manufacturing company.



WHILE the FTSE100 was in freefall yesterday, London's smaller stocks were holding out much better.

Dealers in the FTSE Small Cap and Alternative Investment Market stocks are saying they are being ignored by the current bear run - in the same way they were ignored by the bulls four months ago.

So while the FTSE 100 dropped by almost 100 points, the FTSE Small Cap index shed only 7.5 points to 2405.6.

Small companies supporters argue that investors

do not blindly buy into their sector in the way that tracker funds collect FTSE 100 stocks.

So when there is a stampede out of the blue chips, the smaller companies are left unaffected.

Secondly, the froth has been blowing out of the small-company sector since May - reconnecting many share prices to the fundamental value of the company.

Until the storm in the FTSE 100 is over, the small company sector may well provide the best means of shelter.

London & Continental Railways wants to knock down its Kent factory, and has offered the company £4.2 million to get out. Its shares slid 2 1/2p to 45p. The lion's share of the LCR contracts are expected to be picked up by Jarvis, off 6p to 537 1/2p after a strong run last week.

Volvo, the Swedish carmaker, is getting a little nervous about Healey Group - and has said it will take a 10 per cent stake to "reinforce the operational and commercial co-operation" between the two. This saw its shares jump 48p to 577 1/2p.

Shares of Vaux Group, the brewer and hotel operator added 9 1/2p to 339p. Sources were reheating the suggestion that Greenalls, up 3 1/2p to 435 1/2p or Whitbread, off 7p to 857p, might be sizing up the Swallow Hotels division.

Mild profit-taking shaved 1/2p off Silvermines, the electrical engineer, after it returned its interim. Clem Jansen, managing director, said its order book is 26 per cent ahead. Car Group picked up 1 1/2p from its 16p low yesterday, on the back of yesterday's report in The Times that it is in takeover talks with Concept Automotive.

Border Television was 36p better at 341p after saying it had rebuffed a takeover approach from Scottish Radio.

ARM Holdings was up 7p to £11.25 on word that it may win a large contract with Intel. Shares of Acorn - which owns 27 per cent of ARM - went up 6p in sympathy to 108 1/2p. Dealers believe Acorn may ditch its stake in ARM altogether and pocket the £144 million this would be worth.

GILT-EDGED: The weak equity market saw some flight to quality, backed up by anticipation of gilt auctions due this week. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 strengthened one tick to 102 1/2p and Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped 1 1/2p to 124 1/2p.

NEW YORK: Early morning losses caused by Asian currency devaluations were largely reversed in late morning trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average had inched up 0.77 points to 8,598.79.

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Beguiling BA

A FORCED sale of an asset is clearly preferable to a forced giveaway. But British Airways has even better reasons to want to show it can make a buck or two by conducting an auction of the slots that it must shed to secure regulatory agreement to its alliance with American Airlines.

BA's value can be looked at in a number of ways. But if the market prices the company at £5.8 billion and the net assets are worth some £3.4 billion, a large part of the difference must be the right to fly planes in and out of certain airports. Without those rights, BA is nothing more than a few computers, a big salary bill and tonnes of aluminium scrap parked next to a runway.

In the past month, the market has devalued those rights. In July, when BA's market worth exceeded £7 billion, the slots could have been

deemed to be worth £4 billion, more than the net value of BA's assets. However, the strength of the pound has been hurting BA's ability to compete with European carriers and a rush to shift planes away from deserted Asian routes to the thriving Atlantic market is putting a squeeze on the process. Profit margins are also under pressure from the worrying trend among business clients to herd executives into economy class.

All this puts into question whether BA shares are really cheap at 10-11 times current year earnings. A sale of the slots would provide a welcome cash boost for BA and would also crystallise the value of some of the goodwill in its balance sheet. It may also prove that the shares are underpriced, but until then airline market pressures on BA do not bode well for investors.

Orange

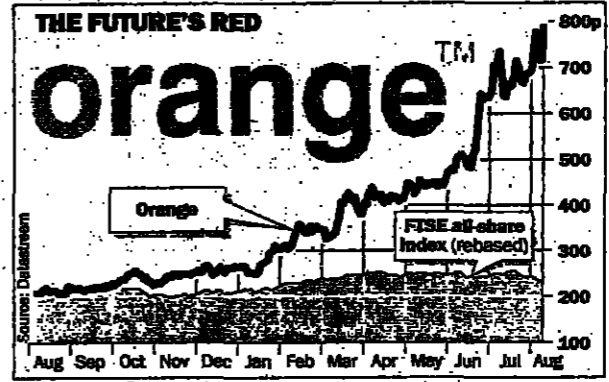
Orange surprised the market yesterday with news that it made a small profit in the first half, albeit one before taking account of interest payments. Shares added 45p to take them up, in a falling market, to 79p. That is four times the price at which they languished a year ago, and four times the price at which they were floated in early 1996.

Orange impresses with the quality of the service it offers, with the way it is extending its customer base, and in trying to widen uses for the increasingly ubiquitous mobile phone. Shareholders may also feel comfort in that customers spend an average of £85 a year. By casting aside suggestions yesterday that Orange is feeling heat from the current economic environ-

without foundation, indeed proper profits and dividends may not be far away now.

Yet it is often better to travel than to arrive and eroding profit margins must loom large in the thinking of any mobile phone operator. The shares, having perhaps been underrated for the first part of its quoted life, are now overrated. Sell.

But it is well to remember that the Orange enthusiasm is based on hope value. Orange is less making, pays no dividend, and is hugely indebted. The hopes are not



Saatchi

LIKE the England cricket team, Saatchi & Saatchi has an uncanny ability to snatch failure from the jaws of success. Over the winter the ad agency network celebrated its demerger from Cordiant Communications Group with two large business wins at its New York office: Delta Airlines and Oil of Olay (which they call it over there).

But no sooner had the ink dried on these wins, than the Cordiant office dropped the ball. Gone is the National Lottery (its largest account), and Schweppes, Visa International is likely to go the same way. Add to this the economic problems of the Antipodes (where Saatchi is strong), and a virtual freeze on new adverts in Singapore (where the local Saatchi branch was voted worldwide agency of the year by Advertising Age magazine) and you can see why Saatchi shares have been so weak recently.

But like Alec Stewart's gallant boys, Saatchi can still muster triumphs. Cost cutting has brought the operating margin up from 7 per cent to 8.1 per cent. This is not quite the 13 per cent enjoyed by WPP Group but it is a move in the right direction.

The fact that Saatchi's management is now focusing on this issue is reason enough to tuck the shares away.

Inchcape

Inchcape's attempts to find focus are starting to pay off. The group said in March that it wants to concentrate on its worldwide car distribution and sales operation. This meant spinning off or selling the Coca-Cola bottling plants in South America and Russia; the shipping services arm; and the marketing businesses - whose portfolio spans Durax condoms and Ferrero Rocher chocolates.

What drove the shares up yesterday was the feeling that

the board is now likely to go for cash sales rather than demergers - the bottling plant in Russia being the first up for a trade sale. Institutions had been understandably perturbed about receiving shares in companies quoted in Chile or other far-flung bourses where elements of Inchcape, renowned as a far-fung company, traded.

The return of capital to investors next year could be as much as £700 million, some in the City believe. If all the disposable cash deals, so with Inchcape's market value at just £933 million before yesterday's interim, it was little wonder that the shares went up from 176p to 196p. This still doesn't value the remaining motor business very highly and there may be the chance of making some quick turns as the disposal process pans out.

But the shares are of little long-term interest.

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Europe turns its back on the secrets of success

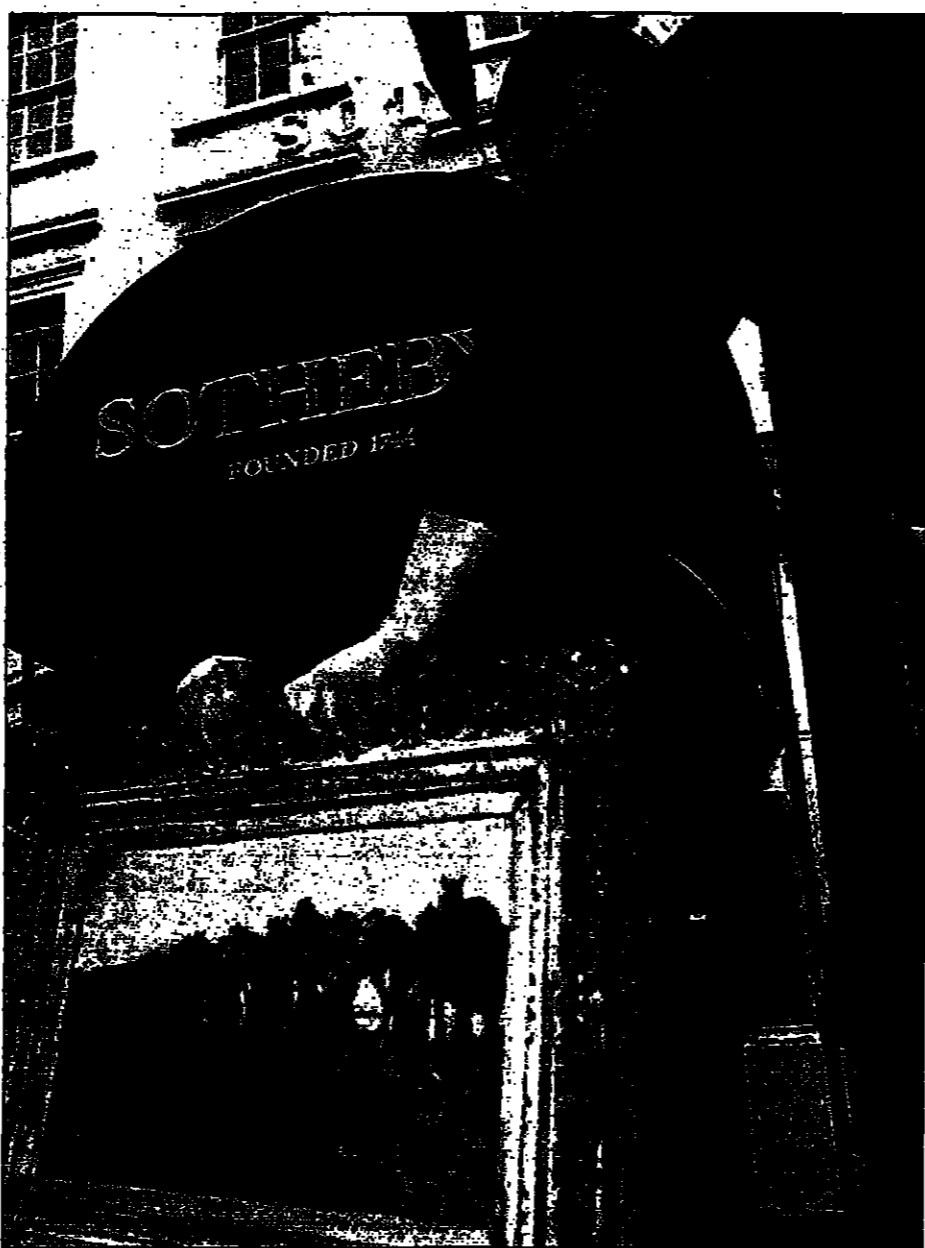
As it moves towards a single currency, Brussels is succumbing to over-regulation

Beating down the wind tunnels called pedestrian walkways in the heart of Coventry on a sodden February day some years ago, I reflected how blessed were the towns of England whose planners were idle so-called interested only in their golf handicaps. By design and at huge expense, the city fathers had compounded the desolation of Hitler's bombing of the great cathedral. Urban architects have always seemed to me in need of some sort of equivalent to the Hippocratic oath — if not "do no harm", then at least "let well alone". So, even more acutely, have the "architects" of the EU.

In 1985, after years of regulatory fervour, the European Community took that precautionary principle at least partly on board. The launching of the 1992 single market programme that December, with the Single European Act, was a blow for liberalisation, a revolt against the passion for standardising everything in Brussels that had infected the EC with "Euroclerosis". But in 1996, under the spell of imminent economic and monetary union, both governments and the Commission are in danger of reverting to bad old habits. The signs are everywhere that the zealous planners are making a comeback.

The key insight grasped in 1985 was that the free movement of goods and services in Europe did not require, and could even be hindered by, rigid uniformity. "Harmonisation" of national laws and regulations was straining rather than promoting the common market objective of the original Treaty of Rome. Over-regulation had created the unloved Europe of persecuted cheese-makers, obscure committees discussing the proper size of teddy bears' eyes and the famous ten-year argument over the height and size of tractors' headlights. Most damagingly, the Brussels-centred concept of the "level playing field" had also proved a wonderfully convenient alibi for protectionist lobbies. It became clear that there would never be a genuinely open single market in Europe unless limits were set to the manic codifying of every conceivable economic activity.

Free-market reformers such as Lord Cockfield and Sir Leon Brittan persuaded governments instead to adopt, under the Single European Act and the 1992 single market programme, the radical alternative of "mutual recognition" by all member states of each others' laws, regulations and standards. The principle governing the vast new pile of single market directives was that formal harmonisation should



London's auction houses were dealt a body blow by an EU accord on VAT on art sales

be kept to the strict minimum "necessary to ensure a proper functioning of the single market", to protect consumers and, in services, to serve the needs for prudential regulation. The 1992 market-opening drive operated on the assumption that free trade could be based on national standards, provided these met an agreed EU-wide minimum — and that competition law could do well what detailed regulation could only do badly. It made for a more flexible economic dynamic.

Some Commission bureaucrats, and some governments, admittedly seized on that innocuous "minimum standard" proviso as a side door to continued centralised regulation. The Brussels culture is not easily changed. At an all too typical lunch there not long ago, a group of the Commission's finest spent forty minutes complaining that ministers had turned down their proposed directive compelling all EU fire brigades to conform, at huge expense, to a single standard for protective clothing. The 1992 programme gave the Commission a new, much healthier role as competition's watchdog.

The change of approach was a fresh response to the question, What kind of Europe? which showed that the EU did not have to be an over-regulated

monster. Because harmonisation extends the power of the state at the expense of individual freedoms, while competition sets people free, there should be a presumption against it unless the benefits unequivocally outweigh the costs. That is why it is depressing that "harmonisation" is once again the EU watchword — on taxation, for example, also in social security, and as a supposed condition for the effective integration of EU financial markets and the success of the single currency. The truth about EMU is that the precise opposite is true: when countries cannot use exchange rates as policy tools, something has to take their place, and that puts a premium on competitive labour markets and flexible fiscal policies.

Yet Austria, which took over the EU presidency last month, is pushing to close the gap between tax rates in different EU countries — and where Austria pushes, Germany is actively lending muscle. At the Bundesbank, Hans Tietmeyer has after all consistently held the view that EMU, "it is an illusion to think that states can hold onto their autonomy over taxation policy". For harmonisation, read tax rises if you are British: the tax take in this country is 38 per cent, compared with an EU average of more than 45 per cent. There are schemes for EU-wide withholding taxes on savings, a common "floor" rate for corporation taxes and a new energy tax. Its income tax likely to stay off the agenda for long, given that basic rates are 23 per cent in this country, but 29 per cent in Germany and 33 per cent in France?

The British Government has put it about that it will resist such encroachments on sovereignty tooth and nail and will, in particular, veto any additional burden on British taxpayers. Since all fiscal decisions must be unanimous, that should be the end of the matter. But don't be on it. So, even more vehemently, said the Major Government — the very government that in 1994, voluntarily sold the London art market down the river when it agreed to an EU-wide regime of VAT on art sales.

In EU matters, political trade-offs have a curious way of shouldering principle aside. If the last, relatively Eurosceptic and determinedly free-market government could be strong-armed into damaging London's world-leading fine arts auction houses — a business that employs 50,000 people and has a turnover of £2.2 billion — what should be expected of one that is conspicuously anxious to prove Brit-

ain's credentials as a "good European"? A month ago, Helen Liddell, then a Treasury minister, emerged from an Ecofin meeting saying happily that everybody had "welcomed the broad themes" set out by the Austrian presidency. And Gordon Brown cheerfully signed up last December to a "voluntary" code of conduct on "unfair" tax competition — a term left perilously ill-defined.

The Government claims that the innocent objective is to close loopholes and eliminate tax evasion. That is not the way his colleagues, or the Commission, see it. They want a minimum level of corporation tax to stop "harmful" competition. Their argument is that with a single currency and mobile capital markets, such a floor is needed to stop a "race to the bottom" as countries compete for inward investment, forcing governments to compensate with higher taxes on labour — leading to higher unemployment. This is flawed logic. Skills and social security charges can influence investors quite as powerfully as corporate tax rates. The truth is that the major continental EU governments, reliant on high tax regimes, would rather suppress competition than cut spending and the appetite for tax revenue.

The EU code of conduct slips the padlock off the door. It may be voluntary now, but the social chapter, which also began as voluntary measure, has acquired teeth far sharper than Tony Blair admitted when he signed Britain up to it with the breezy assurance that Britain would never have to go along with measures that it did not approve.

In Brussels, a committee on harmful tax competition is now hard at work. Mario Monti, the EU taxation commissioner, sent last month a confidential list of 75 different taxes to review. The Commission's proposed 20 per cent minimum withholding tax on savings would simply drive savers outside the EU. Britain has joined Luxembourg in calling for an independent investigation. How naive can you get? Mr Monti's ambitions do not end there. He sees the advent of Internet marketing as one more excuse for ending Britain's zero VAT rate on children's books, clothes, and food. His hope is that under EMU, the integration of markets and institutions will make it easier to aim for a much higher degree of tax homogeneity.

Politics, notably the fear that transparency will accentuate the mobility of capital and investment decisions, is turning the best economic arguments for EMU on their head. Just when enlargement demands more subsidiarity and greater imagination about a multi-system Europe, the EU is marching forward to the over-regulated past. The next formal event on the EU calendar, the October mini-summit in Vienna on "the future of the Union", is supposedly about defining limits to Community action. Don't bet too much on that, either.

IBM's withdrawal from Olympics is calculated gamble

The Rome Olympic Games in 1960 seem a long way away. The event was much smaller in those days: it was exclusively amateur (except for the East Germans) and the British team actually had a chance of winning some medals. Computers were giant, whirring monoliths, little more than glorified adding machines, with less processing power than a pocket calculator you could buy for less than £50. Yet that was the first year that International Business Machines sponsored the Games.

Sydney 2000 will be an entirely different fish. The millennium games will feature professional athletes in the main events, who "do not get out of bed" for less than £100,000 a race. The cost of staging the event is running into billions of dollars and the Sydney Olympic organising committee is concerned that it will turn a loss. It is also the last Olympics being sponsored by IBM. The decision by IBM to pull its sponsorship of the Olympics was a surprise, but the writing had been on the wall for at least two years. IBM is the third-oldest backer of the Olympics. Kodak has been involved virtually since the Olympics restarted in 1896 and Coca-Cola first became involved when it helped to fund the US team attending the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. However, the Atlanta games in 1996 were a watershed for many sponsors, particularly IBM.

Systems problems bedeviled Atlanta and IBM was blamed. Its deal with the International Olympic Committee was to supply systems, an open-ended commitment that cost it a great deal more than the \$60 million-a-games cost of being able to put the five rings on your product. It also spent \$25 million (£15 million) on US television adverts to support the sponsorship — which might seem like a great deal but it was much less than other lead sponsors Coca-Cola (\$60 million), General Motors (\$50 million), Anheuser-Busch (\$45 million) and McDonald's (\$45 million).

Before and after the games the US research firm, Lou Harris, compiled an awareness rating — that is a measurement of a consumer's knowledge of a company and its products as prompted by watching an event that company sponsors. IBM was fortunate — its awareness rose 3 percentage points to 65 per cent (some sponsors, such as Visa, Kodak and Holiday Inn, saw their awareness ratings fall). However, the research found that Nike, which was not even a sponsor, gained a rating of 73 per cent. Only one official sponsor, McDonald's, scored higher.

What Nike had done was ambush the sponsorship. It bought all the best poster sites in Atlanta, set up a sponsors village next door to the official village and signed up many of the leading athletes, most notably Michael Johnson who stormed to victory and a world record in the 200 metres wearing specially made Nike golden shoes.

The first thing IBM did for the Nagano Winter Olympics earlier this year was to make sure everything went smoothly. This it did but the giant cost of this (which IBM has not dis-

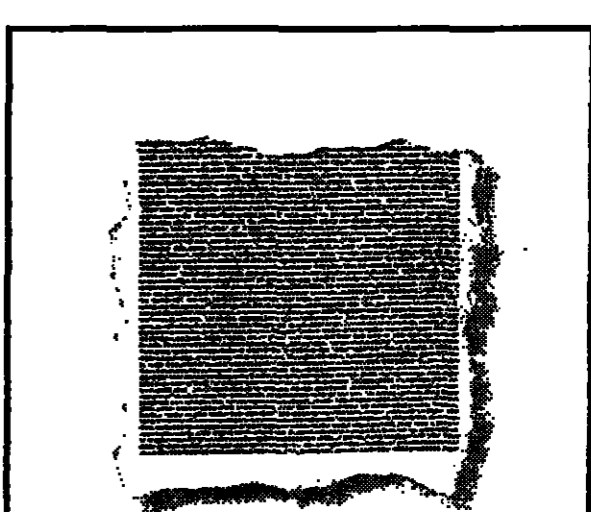


The special Nike golden shoes worn by Michael Johnson

ing the value of the sponsorship forever. The long-running saga of who will sponsor the England football team looks set to take another turn. Followers of this tale will remember that, only five years ago, the national team did not actually have a main commercial backer, hampered by the edict from Fifa that national teams cannot have a sponsor's name on their shirt while playing representative matches. The English Football Association worked around this to strike a £1 million a year deal with Green Flag, the motor rescue business. This put the Green Flag name all over the training kit and all was happy until the first game, which was the abandoned match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. Still, Green Flag said it was happy with its deal. When it came to renewing the arrangement, the FA put up the price to about £4 million a year and with Green Flag's takeover by Candant of the US and likely merger with RAC Motoring Services, the relationship ended. Since this emerged back in May the FA has been looking for a new sponsor. Vauxhall and Ford balked at the price; talks with One2One did not result in anything. Now the hot tip is that Agfa, one of the FA's panel of sponsors, is about to sign. Neither side is saying anything but, as the editor of "Hush Hush" says in LA Confidential, you know where you read it first.



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Pulling power

IN December, I wrote about a scheme to create the ultimate community local, whereby residents of Bow's Honesty new Deer Park estate in Wilney, Oxfordshire, clubbed together to buy a plot of land on which to build their own pub. Sadly, my fears that it might prove more difficult than they imagined have come true. Despite the fact that the offer of shares in Community Pub plc raised enough cash to bid £35,000 for the site, the publicity generated by the

scheme threw up interest from another party, thought to be a brewer or pub operator. Bow's has now accepted that offer, although — unlike the residents' scheme — it is subject to planning permission. But the reaction of the locals suggests our mystery bidder might be on a hiding to nothing. Resident Mike Freer, co-founder of the project, says: "There's no way we'll be using their pub. It'll be boycotted by the locals and every effort made to ensure nobody else does."



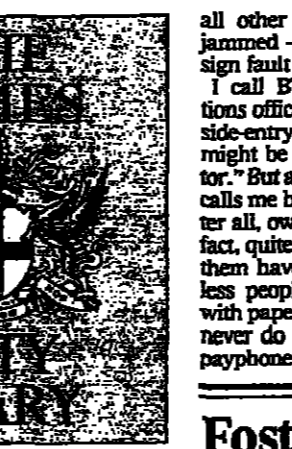
"We couldn't get it off the ground"

SAINSBURY'S determination to keep stocking kangaroo meat despite protests from animal rights campaigners is a no-brainer as far as Jason Steinberg, one of its press officers, is concerned. In the latest issue of SuperMarketing magazine, Steinberg, who hails from Queensland, admits that in the past he has bagged the odd roo while out hunting on a friend's estate. "They're vermin and eat all the grass which means the sheep end up dying," he says.

Root route
CAR-HATING policymakers at the new-look Department of Transport, Environment and the Regions will surely not be impressed by reports

that Toyota is promoting the planting in Derbyshire of a genetically engineered wonder-tree that gobbles up especially large amounts of carbon dioxide from car exhausts. Why be timid when one can be radical? Genetically engineered triflids that relentlessly eat the cars and turn them into biomass would solve the car problem and reverse global warming once and for all.

Phoney war
THE BT phonebox opposite the Cable & Wireless head office in Holborn has been jammed for the past two months — not with calls, but with coins stuck in its new side-entry slots. My informant tells me that C&W workers slipping out to make personal calls have been infuriated to find



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Foster relation

WHITBREAD'S latest report on the on-trade beer market makes for interesting reading (no, really). Noting the unrelenting march of the biggest lager brands and the continued decline of ale and stout-drinking, the report says that there is increasingly a case for many pubs and bars to offer customers a choice of two standard lager brands. It concludes: "Whitbread is recommending that retailers who have a broad consumer profile adopt a two-brand approach — stocking either Carling or Foster's along with Heineken." The more discerning lager drinkers among you (now there's an oxymoron) will note that only Heineken is actually a Whitbread brand. Carling is owned by Bass, while Foster's is part of Scottish & Newcastle. A spokeswoman for S&N says the company is delighted Whitbread has seen

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Gas man: Michael Fish bought a large canister at Homebase

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Will you marry me? Then sign here, darling

The Government has signalled its wish to introduce American-style prenuptial contracts — legally binding agreements that couples planning to marry draw up, with legal advice — which specify how they would divide their assets if they divorced.

Geoff Hoon, Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, first floated the idea earlier this year and has confirmed that it has the backing of the Prime Minister's policy group on the family. Legislation could follow this autumn.

The idea of making prenuptial contracts legally binding in England and Wales — which they are not at present — has apparently won the backing of the Prime Minister's policy group. If ministers go ahead with the proposal, they will probably give the institution of marriage its greatest boost for many years.

Such a step would recognise that resolving a potential problem before it becomes a real one means a saving in legal aid costs. But it would also acknowledge that there are huge emotional savings to be made, and might take some of the acrimony out of financial disputes over divorce.

Although prenuptial agreements are not enforceable in England and Wales, they are in many other parts of the world: North America, Australia, the Continent and some South American countries. If they work for other people, why not for us?

The existence of a prenuptial agreement can already be taken into account on the breakdown of a marriage. It is evidence of what the parties intended immediately before they married and, to judge from recent rulings, courts are attaching more weight to such agreements than previously.

At present, courts have wide discretion on deciding who should have what when couples part. They must consider all the circumstances of the case, putting the welfare of children first. Prenuptial agreements are not mentioned, but "all the circumstances" do include such agreements.

In a leading case, *F v F*, in which the husband's fortune was estimated at between £150 and £200 million, and the wife was awarded £9.3 million, Mr Justice Thorpe said that provision for the wife in the agreement, that she would receive



Unromantic but practical: prenuptial agreements will identify potential areas of conflict and limit expectations

an income equal to that of a German judge, was derisory. It was this that enabled him to say that no weight would be attached, in that case, to the agreement.

Nonetheless, last year in the case of *S v S*, Mr Justice Wilson quoted Mr Justice Thorpe from that same case, saying that the circumstances surrounding prenuptial agreements and the provisions in them might, "when viewed in the context of the other circumstances of the case, prove influential or even crucial".

Unromantic? Yes: because before entering into prenuptial agreements, couples will have

to have independent expert legal advice. They will also have to make full disclosure of means and resources. Most prenuptial contracts entered into in European countries have the effect of making derisory provision for a wife in the event of a divorce. So the agreements will have to contain fair provision for spouses in the event of a divorce.

But this leads to greater understanding and openness. It identifies potential areas of conflict and limits expectation. It helps to prevent the protracted litigation which can arise when a marriage breaks down and a wife has little idea of her

husband's position, and seeks to find a non-existent crock of gold. A prenuptial agreement is entered into when judgment is not impaired by trauma and shock over the break-up.

Such agreements create certainty. Both parties know what they will get out of a marriage if it breaks down at any given point, preventing the expense, acrimony and bitterness of a court dispute.

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Who to blame when the jury is out to lunch

In *Watching Brief*, James Comyn told the story of the Irish jury which acquitted the defendant against the evidence. Out of curiosity, the judge asked them why. "Insanity," replied the foreman. "What?" responded the judge. "All 12 of you?"

Juries habitually receive a bad press. *The Judgment's Tale* by Trevor Grove (Bloomsbury, £11.99) is a vigorous, highly entertaining defence of the jury system and a lucid analysis of the need for reform. It describes the experience of a journalist on an Old Bailey jury and should be read by all lawyers and judges who want to understand what juries are thinking.

Partly because of the restrictions on jury research imposed by the Contempt of Court Act 1981, we normally read about juries only when they are guilty of some absurdity. Last month a juror hearing a trial at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was discharged by the judge after asking for the defendant's date of birth so he could prepare an astrological chart to help him to decide the case. In Canada last month, a woman was convicted of obstructing justice by having a love affair with a man on trial for murder while she was serving on the jury that acquitted him.

Among the extraordinary Crown Court cases in recent years in which judges have had to discharge juries and order a retrial have been the case at Luton where a juror told the defendant, from the jury box, "Why don't you plead guilty? You are ****ing guilty"; the trial at Winchester where the jurors complained that they could not concentrate because the lawyers kept watching them; the proceedings at Northampton where a juror told the usher that the defence barrister was "such a rude little man" that she wanted to hit him; the Old Bailey trial in which the jury complained to the judge that one of their number was "a pain in the arse" — a self-opinionated, bullying know-all; the case at the Old Bailey where two of the jurors almost came to blows after one accused the other of bugging his flat; and the Exeter hearing where two jurors complained that one of their colleagues had fleas. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal and ordered a retrial in a case from Hove Crown Court in which some members of the jury hearing a murder trial used a Ouija board to try to contact the victims.

Mr Grove's jury was guilty of no such absurdities. In 1997 he served on a jury which tried four men accused of kidnapping a Greek shipping magnate. The case lasted for 64 days. The jury consisted of a dozen "very ordinary



TREVOR GROVE

men and women" including a postman, a cleaner and a Sainsbury's checkout lady. Only two of them had been to university and "few read a newspaper regularly". This was "a bunch of disparate people thrown together in unusual circumstances". Yet it worked. As he observes, in a cynical age, "jury membership does seem to summon up people's civic-mindedness" and to encourage the application of concepts of honesty, fairness and justice. You would not entrust the task of determining guilt to any one member of the jury. But in the jury on which he served, each member made a contribution. The jury is, he concludes, not just an admirable idea, a symbol that makes palatable the power of the State to try to imprison alleged offenders. Given the inevitable fallibility of human beings, it is as efficient a mechanism for determining truth as any other.

We learn from Mr Grove's account that juries understandably find it profoundly irritating to be excluded from court while points of law are debated, and resent being treated as "necessary idiots who could not be trusted with an explanation". They are outraged, and rightly so, that lawyers deny them access to information about the previous convictions of the defendant, and so require them to "judge the honesty of defendants without the aid of a vital bit of knowledge" — the person's history.

Juries need to be informed of the defence case at the outset so that they know the relevance (if any) of questions asked and the evidence called. They are distrustful of pompous barristers, suspicious of police evidence in the light of miscarriages of justice, and angry at the inefficiency of criminal trials with so much time wasted while documents and witnesses are found.

Mr Grove makes a powerful defence of jury trial against those who doubt the ability of "ordinary people" to decide complicated cases. However, as he recognises, only the amendment of the Contempt of Court Act to allow research would reveal how typical his jury was. He is at least his persuasive in being "nervous" that such a scrutiny would reveal the flaws without explaining the strengths.

Without any breach of the contempt laws, Mr Grove offers a number of hints to barristers who want to retain the respect of the jury. In particular, if you are acting in a case where the jury and the lawyers go out to view the scene of the crime, don't wear a bowler hat.

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History's great unromantics

New Labour, in championing antenuptial contracts for "prenups" as we may soon be saying, is recycling an old idea. The Jewish *ketubbot*, which guaranteed the woman's right to property when her husband died, dates from the 1st century AD.

Aristocrats everywhere have always gone to lawyers before tying the knot, and the bigger the financial disparity between them and their beloveds, the more their families have urged them to do so. Such luminaries as Mozart and Napoleon — together with their respective fiancées, of course — have had recourse to marriage contracts.

And here in England in 1684, poor Elizabeth Becher was not so prepared to demean herself as to promise "that if I am not with child by you in two years to make void the contract" which her young man gallantly kept (unsigned) until his death, two children later.

Not that the Lord Chancellor, who intends to put such "contracts" on a statutory footing, needed to look that far back. Last year, two different judges of the Family Division of the High Court, Mr Justice Cazalet and Mr Justice Wilson, held that premarital arrangements were already one of "all the circumstances of the case" which the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 enjoined them to consider when making financial orders on divorce.

Yet the Government's plan, which min-



Mozart and Napoleon: protected assets

isters apparently believe will cut divorce costs, is open to objections other than its mere superfluousity.

First, it would be a lawyers' bonanza. The number of weddings may be going down, but still exceeded divorces (where much of the trade will soon be going to mediators) by more than 78 per cent in 1996. Furthermore, the government suggestion is that such deals would be binding only if they were "fair and workable".

The parties, far from being the conciliatory, far-sighted couple the Government apparently imagines them to be, are likely to be litigious. One of them will want to escape the "prenup", thus providing work

for a third firm come the divorce. Fixed formulae, even self-selected ones, are unlikely to remain "fair" in so infinitely variable and unpredictable a matter as family life. It is difficult to see how they could remain good after childbirth.

Secondly, such deals, unlike *ketubbot*, are likely to involve the "weaker economic party" (as wives are euphemistically termed in this context) in provisionally accepting less than "she" would otherwise get on divorce.

Few would object to the toyboy of a millionairess agreeing to rough it on a few hundred thousand and one of the Rollers in other legal systems which have influenced the Government in this matter, marriage contracts are for the rich. But given that our courts are still to have the final word, it seems that such deals would stick only in the case of young couples with separate earning capacities, fated to a short, child-free union.

Let cohabitants, who have thereby chosen not to enjoy the advantages of divorce, agree (to take some reported American examples) that the woman will pay a fine if she puts on weight, or that they will take turns to choose holiday venues — or that they will disclose their sexual experiences, past and future.

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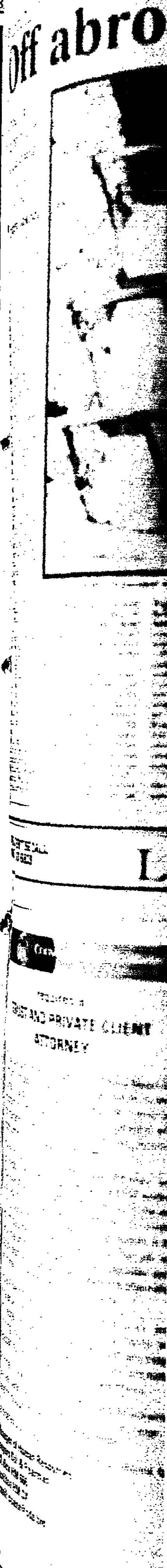
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Stephen Jakobi

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They took several days passing through France, Italy and Greece before arriving at their first delivery point in the Greek capital, where it was discovered that a consignment of Dr Marten boots, valued for insurance purposes at £40,000, was missing from the truck.

The Greek consignee insisted that the British pair had stolen the goods in transit: they were arrested and a bewildered Rose found herself in a women's prison. Rose and Dormer, who were in separate jails, spent several months trying to find out what was happening to their case. Eventually they were told that various applications could be made under Greek law for bail or for a review of their case while it was pending, and that they might face up to ten years' jail: they urgently needed a lawyer.

Neither of them had any money; on the lorry had been impounded and taken by the consignee of the boots. They desperately needed legal aid and advice. To their dismay, they were told that a lawyer would be assigned to them a day or two before the trial and they would have to manage with that. They applied to the Fair Trials Abroad Trust for help and, luckily for them, their plight attracted the sympathy of the distinguished Athens lawyer Andreas Petasas, the chief Greek correspondent for the



When a British passport is not enough: if you are charged with a crime overseas, legal advice and a fair trial cannot be guaranteed

trust, who agreed to defend them on a *pro bono* basis. At their trial last October, Rose was acquitted and Dormer received a much shorter sentence than the one originally predicted.

Rights recognises that it is fundamental to the protection of the citizen from human rights abuse that he has access to a competent lawyer with the means to understand him. By and large, north European Union countries ensure that this is done but the less mature justice systems in southern Europe do not. The experience of Rose is exceptional only in that she was one of the lucky ones who managed to obtain competent *pro bono* representation.

The trust's files have been littered since its conception with complaints from Britons and other north European citizens that they were not given access to a lawyer until just before their trial started and therefore their case was mishandled by an unprepared advocate.

The problem had not gone unnoticed by the European Commissioner for Judicial Affairs, Anita Gradin, and with commission support, a small grant was obtained from the European Union's Grotius Fund for a joint research project with Warwick University to examine the practical problems of access to justice in Spain, Portugal, Greece and Italy.

It was envisaged that the project would run for three years, and a Greek citizen was hired as researcher, starting in January this year. In May the fund informed the project managers that it would not renew financial support for the next year; unless another source of funding can be found, the project will have to fold in October.

Meanwhile, the procession of cases continues. Bernhard Martin, a German citizen, was jailed in Spain as the result of an extradition request by the French. Our Spanish member of staff noticed an obvious abuse of the

European extradition treaty and went to the local court, where Martin was released with apologies from the judge. In a murder case in Italy, a British citizen was represented by a lawyer with only six months' experience in the profession.

The Treaty of Amsterdam declared that it was a principal objective of the EU institutions to bring themselves closer to the fundamental concerns of the citizen. It is hard to understand why there are problems in funding basic research into such a vital aspect of these concerns as access to justice.

Putting the pain into being fired

Frances Gibb on the employees taking advantage of disability discrimination

Employers are facing a deluge of new tribunal claims over hiring and firing because workers can argue that problems such as long-term headache or mental stress are covered by new disability laws. The latest statistics, said by lawyers to indicate the start of an upward trend, show that more than 1,700 claims have been lodged with tribunals since the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 came into force in December 1996.

The Act gives employees the right to claim unlimited compensation against their firm or company if they are discriminated against when applying for a job, or removed from a job because of physical or mental impairments. And large sums are being awarded. A shift chemist at a factory had poor eyesight and, despite wearing special glasses, qualified as disabled. When selected for redundancy, he alleged he had been discriminated against on the ground of his disability and claimed unfair dismissal.

The tribunal found in his favour, arguing that the employer had failed to "mark" him objectively when applying redundancy selection criteria.

He was awarded £103,146 compensation, including £3,500 for injury to feelings.

Michael Burd, employment law specialist partner at the London firm Lewis Silkin, said: "The message for employers is that a huge time bomb is ticking here." The main area of complaint was over unfair dismissal, he said. But employers would also have to be more rigorous about their recruitment procedures.

"You could," he said, "even be found in breach of the law if a disabled job applicant indicated his or her disability but you, the employer, did nothing to facilitate the application - such as holding the interview on the ground floor rather than on an upper floor."

The law was uncertain, he said, because many claims were awaiting adjudication and only a tiny number had reached the Employment Appeals Tribunal, which hears appeals from the tribunals. But some trends were emerging. If an employee had a

back injury which put him off work for a year or more, it was likely to be categorised as a disability.

Another area was mental stress. Though employees would have to demonstrate that they had a clinically recognised condition, it could be that hypertension, depression, insomnia, paranoia, clinical anxiety, post-traumatic stress and other conditions could

manifest themselves as stress and be covered by the Act. Pre-menstrual tension or period pains could also be covered. The test that tribunals had to apply under the law was whether the person had a physical or mental impairment, whether it had a substantial adverse effect, whether it had a long-term adverse effect and whether that effect was on normal, day-to-day activity.

The Employers Forum on Disability said: "The Act forces employers to think: how might a problem be overcome, with reasonable adjustments? It is far better to put subsidies on a training video than to find yourself in a tribunal because a deaf trainee was unable to complete a course."

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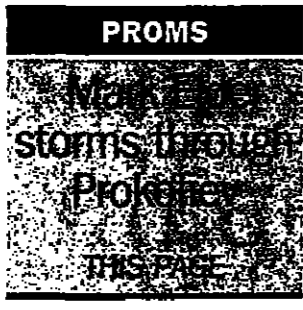
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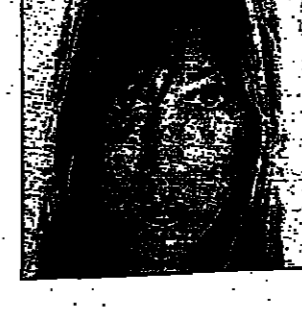
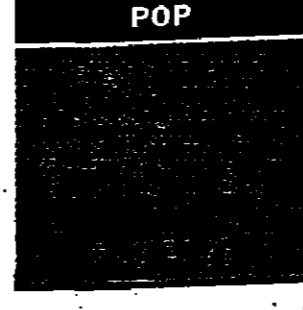
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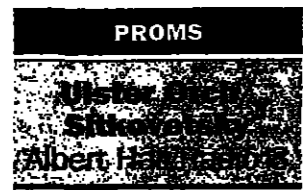


Palely loitering

The violinist and conductor Dmitri Sitkovetsky has always been a cool customer. That he also aspires to be a sleeping tiger was obvious from his conducting of the Ulster Orchestra. Sphinx-like in Miyake black, he directed as if there were vast reserves to draw on, tumultuous forces to quell; instead, his own reserve dampened the potential before him, and drained the colour from a programme of exotic hues.

His Tchaikovsky Fourth Symphony was peculiarly low-key, seeming to pass by almost without incident. From the unceremonial opening to the puny string sound in the finale, the performance lacked energy and edge, while Berlioz's *Les nuits d'été* progressed at a funereal pace.

Rodion Shchedrin's *Four Russian Songs for Orchestra*, a 1998 BBC commission, also suffered from Sitkovetsky's repressive approach. Thankfully Shchedrin's mordant wit came through in this wonderfully



clear score, with its incessant pulse like the steps of a tight-rope artist, tiptoeing through the whole. Fragments of melody rose like smoke, often from unexpected sources — bassoon, tuba, violas.

One mesmeric chant derived from the mournful songs of blind itinerants who sang to alert horses and people to their approach. A luminous seam of gongs, bells and harp burst out into a climactic shower, an echo of the Orthodox Russian Easter. Everywhere there were ornamental details, phrases phasing into dissolution, shivering winds, glissando timpani. And yet, in its short, highly disciplined 16-minute span there was a sense of inertia that surely came

from the dirge-like tempi: marked Allegretto at the outset, it barely reached a very slow Andante.

Shchedrin was also given a patronising portrayal in the programme: to say he is "indulging a shamelessly melodic taste for folk pastiche" does this subtle work a disservice. His music covers a wide gamut, popular, dramatic and avant garde, including the biting satire *Stalin Cocktail*. From his defensiveness in the pre-concert talk, Shchedrin is clearly aware of the hostility.

Barbara Hendricks was welcomed by the Proms audience, and addressed them simply and sincerely in her performance of Berlioz's nocturnal songs. The orchestral accompaniment was appropriately hushed, but not always responsive to the light and shade of each poem. The dancing *Vilanelle* trod carefully, while the starkly dramatic *Absence* almost drew to a halt.

HELEN WALLACE



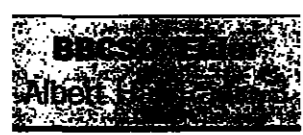
Ian Dury of Lightning Seeds, who capped a congenial festival weekend in the Surrey sun with a diligent if undynamic singalong at

Ode for Stalin

Poor Prokofiev. Then again, perhaps not. He left Russia in 1918, consolidated his career in France and America; returned to the Soviet Union in 1936 at the start of the Stalinist Terror — and, at that point, wrote a massive *Cantata for the Twentieth Anniversary of the October Revolution* on texts by Marx, Lenin and Stalin. It was rejected. ("How, comrade, could you use such popular texts and set them to such incomprehensible music?")

Was Prokofiev bluffing or brown-nosing? Was his integrity naive or canny? Or was he speaking the survivors' language of perpetual ambiguity? As the controversy about Shostakovich's memoirs is raised up again, we find inquiry irresistible.

Wherever the truth might have lain for these men caught in the sticky web of their time, their final testament is their music. And on Sunday, in one of those Proms which itself makes history, the mighty *Cantata* was



given a rare performance, with Mark Elder magnificently controlling a vast BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Chorus and Philharmonia Chorus, a brass band and a band of accordionists in scarlet Pioneer waistcoats.

The rejected Prokofiev the work was totally shelved until 1966) ended up, in Shostakovich's words, "like a chicken in the soup". Some chicken, some soup. The Cantata's ten movements span aphorism and rhetoric, industrial clangour and pastoral peace, battle and victory, pledge and constitution. Even in the or-

chestral introduction the violin bows are poison-tipped, and there are as many metres as there are notes. Verbal motifs are flung from choir to choir; but there is no answering musical signposting. The song of loyalty to Lenin may come from the very heart of Mother Russia, but musically it is a deeply troubled heart.

The overwhelming effect of a work which is every bit the equal of Prokofiev's film scores for *Alexander Nevsky* and *Ivan the Terrible* well-nigh erased from the memory all that had gone before. But there in the distance pulsed another dull drum. Britten's *Sinfonia da Requiem*, written in 1939 was, under Elder's most sensitive baton, heavy with apprehension, tint with immensity. Before that, still more distant echoes of mortality in Berlioz's *Hanlet* March; and a flash of dark Lisztian ambiguity as Paul Lewis made a formidable Proms debut in his First Piano Concerto.

HILARY FINCH

Weekend crowd-pleasers

Verily it was decreed in days of yore by rock's founding fathers that the words "festival" and "sunshine" may never appear in the same pronouncement. That and other industry rules were cheerfully flouted in leafy Surrey over the weekend.

The sun got his hat on for the sixth Guildford Festival and a large family audience came out to play in well-appointed Stoke Park, where it was conclusively shown that mudbathing, drug arrests and dour indie posturing are not, after all, an essential part of popular music's great outdoors. With "only" three stag-

es and a target turnout of some 30,000, Guildford may be well down the festival pecking order at number six, but the event took full advantage of its lucky meteorological break and provided three days of diverse fare for a crowd displaying almost Woodstockian bonhomie.

"It's nice to be playing somewhere posh," said Tommy Scott of Space, in a Friday headline slot hampered by a mediocre mix that left Scott second best in his duet-by-video with Catatonia's Cerys Matthews on *The Ballad of Tom Jones*. Earlier, Bentley Rhythm Ace were blithely caponous and, on the acous-



tic stage, Labi Siffre played with angry polency. But it was Nottingham trio Sunhouse who provided the early bonus, Gavin Clarke's evocative vocals a perfect conduit for the angst and romance of their *Crazy On The Weekend* album.

As the Saturday sun went down, Beth Orton displayed her increasing vocal power in a quartet featuring cello and violin, and Shed Seven dug deep into their stockpile of hits for a crowd-pleasing set, the chorus of *She Left Me On Friday* gathering many a cheery, beery response of "... and ruined my weekend!"

The Supernaturals were made to measure for a lazy Sunday afternoon, their cartoon capers playing well with tots and parents alike, especially when the Scottish pranksters remade Wham's *Freedom* as a tear-stained rocker. Whistler's clear-cut melodies were another pleasant acoustic surprise, notably on their recent Wija single *Rare American Shoes*, and Ian Dury and the Blockheads played with un-

diminished boisterousness, just as at Paul Weller's Fitzburys Park bash the day before. Dury's set-pieces were well seasoned with new songs from the delightful *Mr Love Pants* album.

The festival-closer by the Lightning Seeds was diligent if undynamic, full of simon-says moments yet lacking a projection. But it added an unfashionably eclectic and congenial weekend-in Guildford, the herbs on open sale had names like myrtle and hyssop, and in these traffic-free surroundings, the only cons were full of icecream.

PAUL SEXTON

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 - Dangerous status Scully, initially, has to enter (6).
 - Source of Scully's problem with buzzer (6).
 - A prospect, possibly, of installation for extraterrestrial travel (9).

Another sunset boulevardier

No one doubts that an actor's life is precarious. There is no safety net when the invisible carpet of confidence is whisked from under the feet. How far you fall is morbidly measured from the last lofty pinnacle of success to the mess on the pavement. Like eggs, actors' careers are not insulated with rubber. It goes without saying that few bystanders care to stop and inspect the remains, except perhaps critics and obituary writers.

Gerlind Reinshagen's one-woman play is an unusual but hardly unique apology for one such middle-aged omelette. In a studio flat littered with beer cans and scraps of manuscript, her heroine Dora flutters about like a broken moth. Her career has dried up as dramatically as her love life. A rope dangles invitingly from the ceiling. In the cracked round mirrors that adorn her walls we see a cracked actress imploring God to squeeze her through the eye of a needle and return her to her former glory.

We also see enough self-pity to keep an entire chapter of Samaritans on overtime for months. Wearing a black Lycra leotard, frizzy red wig,



and sporting eyebrows modelled on Marble Arch, the versatile comedienne Paula Wilcox brings an enormous amount of pluck to this thankless role. But despite her elastic vocal skills, and an ability to handle the lightning changes of mood, she can't convert Reinshagen's doughy Germanic humour into the black belly laughs that such a torrid piece demands.

There are slender opportunities: moments when Dora confuses the spectres who haunt her with the audience who once taunted her. Several front-row theatregoers are eyeballed and cajoled for having devoured her greatest performances like so much meat only to laugh her off the stage when she played Friedrich von Kleist's tragic 19th-century heroine, Penthesilea. The audience, for the most part, look sleepy or confused. Perhaps we should be flitting at the prospect that Ugly Duckling, TC really are going to put on

Penthesilea here at the Gate in a matter of days. It's an irony wasted on all.

Unfortunately the real needlework of Wilcox's performance is lost in Reinshagen's attempts to pin Penthesilea's feminism to Dora's sudden desire to be an anti-romantic clown. When Wilcox opens a trunk and starts dressing up like Charlie Chaplin,

the sense of indulgence hardens like cement boots. "Why don't you laugh, spectator?" she asks. "Doesn't it suit you?" she quizzes an unmoved punter. Obviously not. The distinct impression is that we should be shopping for our antidepressants elsewhere.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER



Paula Wilcox as Dora, seeking solace in a beer can

No body knew for sure what David Benson, whose solo show about Kenneth Williams was a hit last year, planned to offer as a sequel; but within the first moments of *Nothing But Pleasure* at the Assembly Rooms, it was clear he hoped to pre-empt an attack by the Edinburgh vigilantes. First, an elderly lady with a genteel Mornington accent came onstage to declare that he was a very nice boy who didn't want to offend anyone. And a little later he himself was telling us — via an anecdote about a bloody suicide and the friend who dared to wonder if the dead man had cashed the large cheque he had just given him — that humour helps us to cope with horror.

So what was his subject? Paedophilia, cannibalism, serial murder, genocide? No, something far touchier. He talked and wryly mined his way through his memories of the death and funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales — and said the things many felt but

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given the emotional fascism sweeping the nation at the time, few dared confess.

Were you troubled by the sight of the PM reading *Corinthians* so humbly you thought he might break into a tap-dance to the accompaniment of words by St Paul? Benson went further. He was put in mind of a bright new Hitler implicitly proclaiming: "I am the new millennium," and was almost as repelled by the celeb swank around him: Pavarotti, "his face a mask of operatic grief"; Elton John, "a terrible old queen, singing this ghastly song in an American accent"; and, upstaging them all, "the entrance of the

star herself, almost audibly saying 'Best that you old bar to the Queen Mother from inside her coffin'.

Benson displayed some sympathy for the Royal Family, "frozen in terror" as a wealthy, expatriate earl harangued them for being out of touch, and especially for Diana's sons. What would the younger have felt as he bravely followed a coffin with a handwritten "Mummy" on it if he had looked to the side and seen a sign reading "William and Harry: Please Cry"? Myself, I found Benson's show sensitive and liberating and, often, dangerously funny. At one point he asked if any-

one in the audience had signed the Book of Remembrance. One had, in Belfast. Why? "The queue wasn't very long," she innocently replied.

Unleashed (Assembly Rooms) is the latest play produced by John Gower, bard of laddishness, an explains why some of us have trouble taking him quite very seriously or very comally. It's Amsterdam, "when they deport you if you don't enjoy yourself". An exotical dad girl wiggles Barkers jomise lurid delights. And several Yorkshire businessmen behave in ways, joint ex and buggery included, that they will find hard to explain to themselves, let alone to the loved ones they occasionally reach on their mobile. A mildly poignant ending emphasises that Godber is adding up their insularity and blinding lechery; but it's still as funny and more depressing than he knows.

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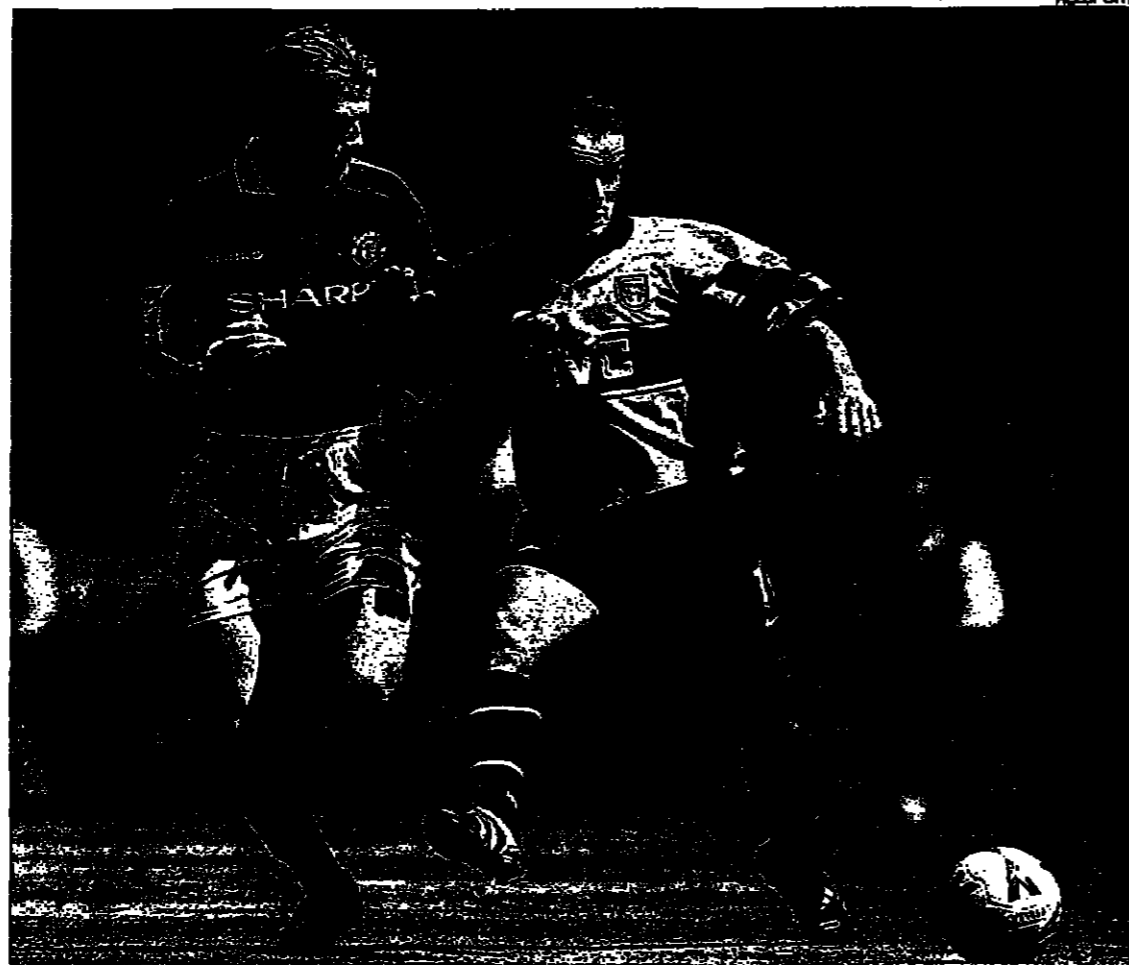
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You will only be allowed to use 12 transfers in the season. Full details of how to transfer will be published in due course. From August 30 until noon on September 8 you can make as many phone transfers as you like. These will not affect your season-long allocation of 12.

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with your entry fee. You can enter as many teams as you wish, but each team must have a different name. Don't delay: the £1,000 August Warm-up prize awaits.

teams entered into a Super League will automatically be entered into the main Fantasy League. You will be posted a detailed monthly report showing how you are all doing.

DAVID UNSWORTH
The Fantasy League list recently had David Unsworth (code no 323) as an Aston Villa player worth £3.5 million. He should be listed as Everton, worth £3.1m.

SUPER LEAGUES
If you and some friends or colleagues want to get together and form a league, this is a brilliant way to play the game in an office, school, pub or sports club. A minimum of five teams can form a league, and the chairman must send in the entry forms together. All

THE START
You can enter Fantasy League at any time from now until noon on Tuesday, September 8 to qualify for the main game and the Youth League for entrants under 18. All valid entries received by noon on August 15 will qualify for the

THE TIMES MAIN FANTASY LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

Entries received by first post on Saturday, August 15 qualify for the £1,000 Warm-up game and Main game. The Main game deadline is first post, Tuesday, September 8

FANTASY TEAM NAME (up to 16 characters) _____
CODE GOALKEEPER NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE FULL-BACK NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE FULL-BACK NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE CENTRE-BACK NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE CENTRE-BACK NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
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CODE MIDFIELDER NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE FORWARD NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
CODE FORWARD NAME CLUB VALUE £ m
MAXIMUM OF ONE PLAYER PER PREMIERSHIP TEAM TOTAL VALUE (MAX £50m) £

I also wish to enter the Youth League. I will be under 18 on August 15, 1998 (please tick) Date of birth: / /
Lucky Dip If you would like us to select a team at random for you, tick box

First Name _____ Surname _____
Address _____
Postcode _____ Daytime tel _____
Cheque/PO no (payable to: Times Newspapers Ltd) _____
Credit card number: _____ Expiry date: / /
MasterCard Visa Name on card _____
Supply address of registered cardholder on separate sheet if different from above. Signature _____
Send with £2.50 entry fee (£10 sterling for entrants outside the UK or RoI) to: The Times Fantasy League, Abacus House, Dudley St, Luton, Beds LU1 1ZZ
1. On which days do you usually buy The Times? Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Don't usually buy The Times
2. Which other national daily newspaper(s) do you buy at least once a week?
3. Which Sunday newspaper(s) do you buy almost always (3-4 copies per month)?
4. Which Sunday newspaper(s) do you buy quite often (1-2 copies per month)?
If you do not wish to receive other offers from Times Newspapers Limited, please tick box

HOW TO ENTER YOUR FANTASY LEAGUE TEAM

Select a team of 11 Premiership players from those listed right. The total value of your team must not exceed £50m and you cannot choose more than one player from the same Premiership club. Your team must be in a 4-4-2 formation with: one goalkeeper; two full-backs; two centre-backs; four midfielders; and two forwards.
TO ENTER BY POST Name your team on the entry form, left, in no more than 16 characters. Enter the correct three-digit player codes from the list, followed by the players' names. Enter the first three characters of each player's team under the heading CLUB, ie, LEE for Leeds. Also enter the value of each player shown on the list right. Add up the values of the 11 players in your fantasy team and make sure the total value of your team is not more than £50m. Send your entry to the address shown, with a cheque/PO for £2.50 (£10 sterling outside UK or RoI) or your credit-card details, to arrive by first post on Saturday, August 15, 1998, for the chance to win the £1,000 prize in our August Warm-up game. Confirmation of your team and your personal identity number (PIN) will be sent to you upon receipt of your entry form. Readers under 18 should seek parental permission before entering. They must state their date of birth and indicate if they wish to enter our Youth League.
TO ENTER BY PHONE Call 0640 67 88 99 (+44 870 901 4209 outside the UK) using a touch-tone (DTMF) phone and when prompted tap in your 11 three-digit player codes. You will be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters). You will then be given a 10-digit PIN, make sure you write this down and keep it safe to be able to check your team's progress and make transfers. Calls last about seven minutes. 0640 calls are 60p per minute. Calls from outside the UK are charged at national rates. Calls from payphones cost approximately double.
LUCKY DIP If you would like us to select a team at random for you, please tick the Lucky Dip box on the entry form. Postal entries only.
TO FORM A SUPER LEAGUE You need at least five teams to form a Super League. The chairman must complete the form below and submit it with a valid fantasy league entry form for each team in the Super League, enclosing an entry fee of £5 per team (£10 sterling outside the UK or RoI) or credit-card details. Super League entries cannot be made by phone. The chairman will receive a monthly report on the league's progress

THE TIMES SUPER LEAGUE ENTRY FORM
ONLY complete this form if you are entering five or more teams to form a Super League. This form is to be completed by the Super League chairman only
YOUR SUPER LEAGUE TITLE (up to 16 characters) _____
Total number of managers in your Super League (minimum five, there is no maximum) _____
DETAILS OF THE SUPER LEAGUE CHAIRMAN
First Name _____ Surname _____
Address _____
Postcode _____ Daytime tel _____
I enclose a cheque/PO, made payable to: Times Newspapers Ltd for £ _____
£5 for each team in your Super League which includes your £2.50 entry fee for the main league (£10 sterling for each team for entrants outside the UK or RoI).
Or please debit £ _____ from my credit card number: _____ Expiry date: / /
MasterCard Visa Name on card _____
Supply address of registered cardholder on separate sheet if different from above. Signature _____
TEAMS ENTERED IN A SUPER LEAGUE ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED INTO OUR MAIN LEAGUE
Send this form with a Fantasy League entry form for each manager in your Super League, including the chairman, with payment in ONE envelope to: The Times Fantasy League, Abacus House, Dudley St, Luton, Beds LU1 1ZZ

CHOOSE YOUR PLAYERS FROM HERE

Columns show: player code, name, club, points 97-98, valuation (£m). * means no longer in Premiership

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RACING: JOCKEYS FRUSTRATED BY VETO ON ADVERTISING

Riders prepare to breach rules in sponsorship row

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD DUNWOODY is prepared to lead an all-out confrontation with racing's leaders over the increasingly controversial issue of jockey sponsorship...

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Santandre (4.30 Bath) Despite being outpaced early, Santandre ran out a comfortable winner of a nursery at this time yesterday...

Next best: Coradavon (3.00 Bath)



Dunwoody, displaying a Saab logo which is not allowed to be visible during races, is willing to lead his fellow riders in their dispute with the BHB over sponsorship

don't want to do it but, if necessary, we will and I shall take on the BHB over this.

"Myself and Anthony [McCoy] feel very strongly about it and we have the strong support of the rest of the jump jockeys. Having been in the flat weighing room a couple of times recently, there is a similar feeling there."

Dunwoody, who is edging towards the close of a brilliant career as a jump jockey, stressed that he believes such drastic action should not be necessary, but feels the Jockeys' Association has been treated appallingly over sponsorship, which could raise an estimated £1 million a year.

The idea of jockeys carrying sponsorship was first presented to the BHB by Michael Caulfield, secretary of the JA, in 1993. However, he agreed to withdraw his scheme to enable owners to have a first crack and thereby gain valuable VAT concessions. The plans drawn up by Caulfield were

used to help owners set up their successful sponsorship framework agreement.

After the owners had the VAT scheme renewed in 1997, the JA resumed its plans, but faced opposition from Savill in his then role as president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, which insisted owners should have a veto. At a BHB meeting last October, the board agreed after a close vote -- in favour of such a veto.

Apart from the expense of enforcing such a veto -- up to £60,000 a year -- which the jockeys would eventually have to pay for, it would deter would-be backers coming forward and effectively kill the scheme.

"We have been to some of the sports marketing firms and sponsorship would be no good because of this veto. Logistically, it is a nightmare. You can imagine some owners would put in a veto -- I think

it would not bother -- which would lead to scenarios of jockeys changing their breeches every five minutes. It would be awkward to manage and costly," Dunwoody said.

However, that order has not stopped jockeys like Dunwoody, McCoy and Fallon wearing logos on polo necks underneath silks. The Jockey Club says such sponsorship is acceptable because it is not visible during races.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE advertisement with logo and contact info.

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When as declarer in a trump contract you have A x opposite x x in a side suit, it is sometimes correct to hold up to cut the defence's communication. This is a hand from a Macclesfield Camrose match between England and Northern Ireland in 1995.

Bridge hand diagram showing Dealer East, Game all, IMPs, and card layouts for Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, and Clubs.

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: three of spades

After East had opened One Diamond (Precision), not promising more than two diamonds, South arrived in Four Hearts with no further opposition bidding. When West led a spade, the England declarer Graham Kirby made a good play at trick one -- he allowed East's queen to hold. That denied East the opportunity of later putting West on play with the jack of spades. East continued spades to South's ace.

It seemed from the failure of either defender to play diamonds that the suit would break 3-2 so, preparing for a possible endplay, Kirby continued with the king and queen of diamonds. Then he cashed the ace of hearts and now had to decide whether the trumps were dividing. If they were not, the right play was to cash a third diamond before playing a second heart. If hearts were 2-2, that risked

KEENE on CHESS advertisement with logo and contact info.

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short shrift Grandmaster Nigel Short turned in an excellent performance in the Smith & Williamson British championship in Torquay. Today's game is a fine example of his fine tactical style.

Chess game record showing White: Keith Arkell, Black: Nigel Short, British championship Torquay 1998, King's Indian Attack, and move numbers.

White: Keith Arkell Black: Nigel Short British championship Torquay 1998 King's Indian Attack 1 Nf3 c5 2 d4 Nf6 3 Bg2 Nc7 4 c4 e6 5 d5 d6 6 Bc3 Be7 7 Qc2 Fb8 8 Bh4 d5 9 Ng5 Nc6 10 Nc3 O-O 11 Be3 Be7 12 Nf3 Nf6 13 Ng5 Nc6 14 Qc2 Fb8 15 Bc3 Be7 16 Bh4 d5 17 Ng5 Nc6 18 Nc3 O-O 19 Ne1 Nf6 20 Nc2 Nc7 21 Bc3 Be7 22 Nf3 Nf6 23 Qc2 Fb8 24 Bh4 d5 25 Ng5 Nc6 26 Nc3 O-O 27 Nf3 Nf6 28 Bc3 Be7 29 Nc2 Nc7 30 Qc2 Fb8 31 Bh4 d5 32 Ng5 Nc6 33 Nc3 O-O 34 Ne1 Nf6 35 Nc2 Nc7 36 Qc2 Fb8 37 Bh4 d5 38 Ng5 Nc6 39 Nc3 O-O 40 Ne1 Nf6 41 Nc2 Nc7 42 Qc2 Fb8 43 Bh4 d5 44 Ng5 Nc6 45 Nc3 O-O 46 Ne1 Nf6 47 Nc2 Nc7 48 Qc2 Fb8 49 Bh4 d5 50 Ng5 Nc6 51 Nc3 O-O 52 Ne1 Nf6 53 Nc2 Nc7 54 Qc2 Fb8 55 Bh4 d5 56 Ng5 Nc6 57 Nc3 O-O 58 Ne1 Nf6 59 Nc2 Nc7 60 Qc2 Fb8 61 Bh4 d5 62 Ng5 Nc6 63 Nc3 O-O 64 Ne1 Nf6 65 Nc2 Nc7 66 Qc2 Fb8 67 Bh4 d5 68 Ng5 Nc6 69 Nc3 O-O 70 Ne1 Nf6 71 Nc2 Nc7 72 Qc2 Fb8 73 Bh4 d5 74 Ng5 Nc6 75 Nc3 O-O 76 Ne1 Nf6 77 Nc2 Nc7 78 Qc2 Fb8 79 Bh4 d5 80 Ng5 Nc6 81 Nc3 O-O 82 Ne1 Nf6 83 Nc2 Nc7 84 Qc2 Fb8 85 Bh4 d5 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Much sympathy for Cronje's team but unstinting praise for Stewart's band in their hour of triumph

England's success could be prelude to greater things

The clouds, thank goodness, have lifted from the hills; for the moment, anyway, the drought has broken. England never needed a victory more badly than they did at Headingley yesterday, and they played their hearts out in achieving it.

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on a victory that was desperately needed

There has to be much sympathy for the South Africans, for having made all the running in the rubber and yet been beaten on the line. But they lost no honour whatever in defeat. They got almost all the worst of the umpiring in the last two Test matches, a fact that Hansie Cronje is too good a man to have made into an excuse; they contributed much the best bowling of the series and as high a standard of fielding as can ever have been attained.

Had England lost either of them they would have been two Tests down with three to play and sunk without trace. As it was, I left them both feeling quite transformed, and each time England went on to great things. Both matches were as close as yesterday's, England winning the first by 33 runs and the second by 18 runs, and it made it especially special that it was Australia whom they beat.

But, in the present circumstances, beating South Africa

Michael Atherton is expected to overcome food poisoning and take his place in the Lancashire side that meets Hampshire in the semi-final of the NatWest Trophy in Southampton today. If John Crawley is declared fit after suffering tendonitis in the elbow, Lancashire will be at full strength and overwhelming favourites to progress.

means no less. We may be brought down to earth at the Oval, should the Sri Lanka batsmen get their eye in in warm sunshine and on a good pitch. For the moment, though, all praise to David Lloyd and Alec Stewart and all their players. Their success is an unmissable blessing. Less so, if it comes to pass — as it almost certainly will — will be the day when the umpires' job is made over to modern technology. The umpires have had a bad series. That is not in doubt. They have always been, and always will be, eminently fallible. When I was young, though, they gave the batsman the benefit of the doubt. It was an unwritten rule that they

should, just as much as it was that their decisions were final. For some years now, I have thought that this can no longer apply, and that is one of the causes of the present trouble.

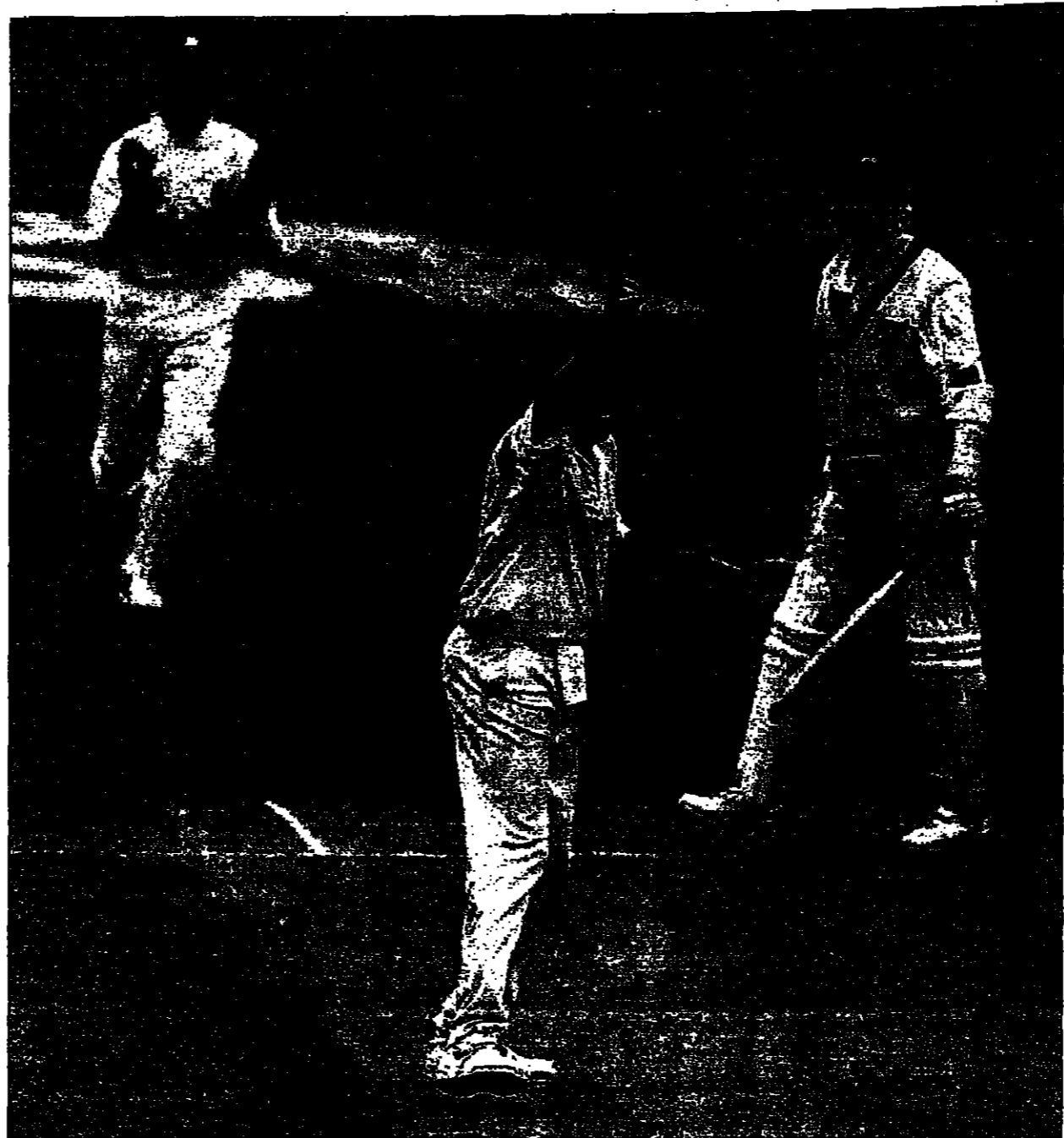
"When in doubt, it's not out." That is the umpire's first commandment, but it seems to have been forgotten. The last equally enthralling series between England and South Africa in this country was in 1955, when England won the first and second Tests and South Africa the third and fourth. My dearest single memory of the decider at The Oval is of Peter May being given not out by umpire Bartley in the England second innings, when he had made four. I recall it partly because it was so absolutely crucial and partly because it was so absolutely plumb.

May played back to an off break of full length from Hugh Tayfield that simply had to hit the wicket. There was nowhere else for it to go, and there was nothing in the law, as it was written at the time, to acquit the England captain.

In the event, May went on to make 89 not out and England to win a low-scoring match by 92 runs and Tom Bartley to show his face happily in public. Writing about it in these columns, I referred simply to "a desperately close call". Without a slow-motion replay to show just how desperately close, it was a better, less controversial, more innocent game.

But that was then and this is now. The umpire's job is rapidly becoming a living nightmare. As things stand, the situation is untenable, not because the appealing has got out of hand (in tight situations it was often marvellously vociferous) nor because batsmen don't walk anymore (the majority never did), but because cricket has been hijacked by television.

In a cheerfully indiscriminate way it is ridiculing the game. It can be riveting to watch, but it can't go on. Until the authorities get together to talk things through, it would be fairer to umpires and players alike for replays to be shown only at normal speed, starting during the Test match against Sri Lanka in two weeks' time. Once taken, the decision to refer anything, which would soon become almost everything, to a third party will be irrevocable.



Fraser appeals for, and Stewart celebrates, the taking of Donald's wicket, caught behind at Headingley yesterday

How the series was won and lost

FIRST TEST (Edgbaston)

Thursday: South Africa win the toss but Pollock and Donald bowl too short and wide in ideal conditions. Atherton and Butcher put on 179 for the first wicket. Friday: England make 437 but Donald breaks Gough's finger on a gloomy evening. Gough will not bowl in this match or the next. Monday: England declare to set a target of 290 but a day of solid rain ruins their chance of victory.

SECOND TEST (Lord's)

Thursday: Cork reduces South Africa to 46 for four after Stewart wins the toss but England fail to cash in. Rhodes makes a century in a total of 360. Saturday: Donald bowls magnificently on a humid day to take five for 32. England are dismissed for 110 and forced to follow on, while

Alan Lee highlights the key moments in a rollercoaster-ride of five Test matches

Rampurakash is disciplined for dissent. England lose six wickets for 11 runs after a century from Hussain but after lunch but Croft bats for three hours. Gough for 78 minutes and Fraser for a heartstopping few overs to salvage a draw.

THIRD TEST (Old Trafford)

Thursday/Friday: Kirsten makes 210 and Kallis 132 as South Africa pile up 552 for five. The ground is half-empty, the mood despondent. Sunday: England, booed off the ground two nights in succession, follow on again. At 11 for two in their second innings, the series looks beyond them, and a serious back injury to Thorpe depends the gloom, but Atherton and Stewart add 200 before the close.

Monday: The day, according to Cronje, when "the pendulum swung". Stewart's seven-hour innings ends soon after lunch but Croft bats for three hours. Gough for 78 minutes and Fraser for a heartstopping few overs to salvage a draw.

FOURTH TEST (Trent Bridge)

Thursday: Stewart controversially chooses to bowl and South Africa make 302 for seven, with a century for Cronje. Dismay all round. Saturday: Rampurakash's resolute 67 drags England within 38 of the South Africa score and the seamers then take three quick wickets. Sunday: Fraser completes ten wickets in the match and England are set 247 to win. Atherton survives a crucial

bruising duel with Donald in the final hour.

Monday: More than 10,000, the biggest fifth-day crowd for decades, see England win. Atherton unbeaten with 98. Ticket sales for the final Test boom.

FIFTH TEST (Headingley)

Thursday: Butcher's century keeps England in the game — the next highest score is 24. Friday: Cronje's 57, and three missed catches in 22 balls, mean England trail by 22 instead of leading. Saturday: Atherton is out to the first ball of the day but Hussain bats through the remainder, a titanic innings. Sunday: Donald and Pollock take the last six England wickets for 34 but South Africa then dive to 27 for five before Rhodes and McMillan put on 117. Gough strikes twice more to leave England poised for victory.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

England										South Africa										
Batting	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avg	100	50		Batting	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avg	100	50		
M A Butcher	3	6	—	116	328	54.67	1	2		W J Cronje	5	7	1	126	401	57.29	1	4		
M Atherton	5	10	1	103	493	54.77	1	3		L Klusener	3	3	1	57	108	36.00	—	—		
A J Stewart	5	10	1	164	465	51.66	1	1		J N Rhodes	7	—	—	117	367	52.42	1	2		
R D B Croft	3	6	4	37	90	45.00	—	—		J H Kallis	5	7	—	132	294	42.00	1	1		
N Hussain	5	10	—	105	347	34.70	1	2		D J Cullinan	5	8	1	78	287	41.00	—	—		
M R Rampurakash	5	9	1	67	249	31.12	—	—		G Kirsten	5	8	1	210	257	36.71	1	—		
A F Giles	1	2	1	16	17	17.00	—	—		B M McMillan	1	2	—	54	61	30.50	—	—		
D G Cork	5	9	1	36	99	13.27	—	—		S M Pollock	4	8	1	50	146	29.20	—	—		
G P Thorpe	3	6	—	43	63	10.50	—	—		S Elworthy	1	2	—	48	58	29.00	—	—		
I D K Salisbury	2	3	0	23	27	9.00	—	—		A M Bacher	1	1	—	22	22	22.00	—	—		
D Gough	4	6	1	16	43	8.60	—	—		M V Boucher	5	6	—	35	94	14.00	—	—		
A R C Fraser	5	8	2	17	39	6.60	—	—		G F J Liebenberg	5	6	—	21	59	9.83	—	—		
M A Atherton	2	4	—	8	24	6.00	—	—		A A Donald	5	6	3	7	29	9.66	—	—		
N W Knight	1	2	—	11	12	6.00	—	—		M Ntini	2	2	1	4	4	4.00	—	—		
A Flintoff	2	3	—	17	17	5.66	—	—		P R Adams	4	4	1	6	10	3.33	—	—		
S P James	1	2	—	10	10	5.00	—	—												
G A Hick	2	3	—	6	9	3.00	—	—												
D W Headley	1	2	—	5	3	1.50	—	—												

FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY

England										South Africa									
First Innings										Second Innings									
Batting	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avg	100	50		Batting	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avg	100	50	
M A Butcher b Pollock	1	1	—	118	118	118.00	—	—		M A Butcher b Pollock	1	1	—	118	118	118.00	—	—	
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RUGBY UNION: ROWELL AND DWYER IN FRAME TO COACH TROUBLED BRISTOL

Pugh holds key to British league

By MARK SOUSTER

PRESSURE is mounting on Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB), to ensure that the proposed British league is not still-born.

While the concept of a 20-strong league involving England, Wales and Scotland has been greeted with almost universal approval as a panacea for the game's ills, Pugh's initial hostility, and his insistence that the English clubs drop their legal submission to the European Court, is considered a significant stumbling block to progress.

(RFU) management board, met Glamour Griffiths, the president of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), at Twickenham yesterday, although it is uncertain what progress if any was made; it appears that Griffiths felt unable to make a decision about WRU involvement without reference to Pugh, who is in Argentina.

Before the meeting, Balster conceded that whether the league was successful depended on other unions. "The door is waiting to be pushed open," he said.

Yesterday's meeting was never intended to be the summit gathering between the home unions at which the league would be born. The picture emerging is far more complex than at first envisaged, with numerous vested interests to be dealt with. It is now believed that there is at least one dissenting voice within the RFU questioning Scottish involvement.

The English clubs, who meet today, are prepared to back a British league and play in the European Cup this season under its present guise provided that they receive guarantees and assurances, as have the French, over the future organisation and control of the tournament.

Elsewhere yesterday, Kevin Maggs, the Ireland international centre, left troubled Bristol to join Bath. Bristol, who are due to name their new coach tomorrow, also lost Mike Worsley, a prop forward, to Gloucester.

While he faces stiff competition from Jerry Guscott and Phil de Glanville for a mid-field place, Maggs considers that the move to the Recreation Ground will boost his career. The departure of Maggs and Worsley follows that of David Corkery, the Ireland flank forward, who has joined Cork Constitution.

Jack Rowell, the former Bath and England coach, and Bob Dwyer, formerly of Gloucester and the coach of Australia's 1991 World Cup-winning side, are both in contention for the vacancy at Bristol.

Nick de Sousa, who has been heading the consortium that has ensured the club's survival, on behalf of a mystery businessman, said: "Both the candidates are extremely well-known coaches, both are out of the game at the moment and both are former national team coaches."

"Jack Rowell obviously has a head-start because he is in this part of the world. We want to be able to attract players here, who will develop for international rugby."

"We need a name, we need someone who is a winner, who has done it all before because we don't want to go through this again in a year's time after blowing £1 million."

MOTOR RALLYING: SCOT TO LEAVE SUBARU NEXT YEAR FOR £6 MILLION SALARY

McRae shifts his focus to Ford

By KEVIN EASON

WORLD champions do not come cheap and Colin McRae yesterday announced that he was joining Ford on a contract that will make him Britain's best-paid driver.

McRae has been negotiating in secret for weeks to leave the Subaru 555 team, with which he won the world rally championship in 1995. As he celebrated his 30th birthday last week, the finishing touches were being put to a two-year deal worth a salary estimated at £6 million. That will give McRae annual earnings bigger than even Damon Hill, the 1996 Formula One world champion, who is paid around £4.5 million at Jordan, or David Coulthard, the Formula One championship contender, thought to have a \$2 million-a-year contract (around £1.3 million) with McLaren Mercedes.

But McRae knows his worth and Ford have made such a powerful commitment to winning the world championship next year, it was an offer he could not refuse and that they had to make. Ford has ploughed the biggest budget in rallying into its new car, which will be based on the Focus, the replacement for the Escort that is launched as a road car this year.

A team of hand-picked engineers is developing the car in Bedfordshire under the guidance of Malcolm Wilson, the former British rally champion, who has masterminded the resurgence in Ford's fortunes in world rallying. Wilson rates McRae as probably the best driver of his generation.

McRae shrugs off the suggestion, but he clearly understands his market value in a sport not blessed with colourful personalities who can blend success on the circuit with attention off it from eager sponsors. "The key thing is



McRae has negotiated a deal with Ford that makes him Britain's best-paid racing driver, ahead of Damon Hill

that I want to win the world championship again and I need a team who will help me towards that," he said. He was so close last year, failing by a point, though the tensions within the Subaru 555 team were evident even then. Dave Richards, head of the Prodrive company that runs the Subarus and the man who put McRae on the world stage, understood fully how the Scot's frustrations would often boil over into a tantrum.

But McRae can be as approachable as he is sometimes acrimonious and uncommunicative. In London recently to

launch his new video game, he was tanned and lean and confident that he could leave Subaru on the high of a world championship. He lies second with five rounds to go, starting in Finland later this month.

"Really we were robbed last year. It was a bad year which had a lot to do with our engines," McRae said, "but we have had consistency this year, which is helping a lot. The car is still very competitive and we have a very good, strong, experienced team. I am looking forward to finishing the season on a high." Wilson wants McRae's ability

to develop a car to help make the Focus a winner from the start. The Focus shares nothing with the Escort, so McRae must ensure that the new model is not trounced by the highly-developed Subarus, Toyotas and Mitsubishis, as well as the Peugeots, which join the fray next year.

McRae's move should also allow Richard Burns to move into his vacated No 1 seat at Subaru, boosting his chances of adding to his Safari Rally victory this year. McRae rates his British rival highly. "He really just needs to win a few rallies to get his confidence,"

he said. McRae's status as the most sought-after rally driver in the world has brought rewards including a baronial hall in Lanarkshire, a house in Monaco and an apartment in the Verberie ski resort.

His new contract cements his place in the rallying league table, although it will be meaningless without another world championship, if not this year then in 1999 with Ford. "All I want is to be competitive and win the world championship," he said. "I know I can and I will be around for a while yet, so it is achievable."

RUGBY LEAGUE Franchise hopefuls await final decision

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE franchise battle, which looks to favour Cardiff and Gateshead, will finally be resolved tomorrow, when the 12 existing clubs in the JJB Super League decide who to admit next season and how to divide the financial cake.

Directors of the Rugby Football League and Super League Europe (SLE), the top clubs' marketing arm, who met in Leeds yesterday, are basing their recommendation to the clubs on a report by accountants Deloitte and Touche.

There is support for the Swansea bid, significantly from Cardiff. Maurice Lindsay, the SLE managing director, has hinted, too, that he would like both prospective Welsh sides on board. The

danger, however, is of rugby league overreaching itself in Wales, where it has a history of coming to grief.

On the other hand, attendances for the Super League roadshow matches at Gateshead were poor and led Lindsay to suggest that it might miss out, for which he was condemned by his own board. Chris Calvey, the SLE chairman, denied that it is a case of expansion at all costs. "We have to be convinced that they want the sport for its own sake, as much as the business point of view," he said.

Under the newly agreed Super League deal with News Corporation, parent company of The Times, clubs receive £733,000 a season.

GOLF Cup team welcome Matthew

LAURA DAVIES is looking forward to welcoming Catalonia Matthew aboard Europe's Solheim Cup team after the Scot's impressive win in the McDonald's WPGA Championship of Europe at Glenageary at the weekend. With four sub-par rounds, the 28-year-old posted a 12-under-par total of 276 to win by five shots from Davies and Helen Alfredsson, from Sweden, who won last year.

Victory lifted Matthew to No 6 in the Solheim Cup rankings with only two ranking events to come before the top seven are automatically selected for the match against the United States at Muirfield Village, Ohio, next month. "After this week, Catalonia must be a certainty for the team," Davies said.

After her closing round of 69, three under par, on Sunday, Matthew said: "This is easily the best day of my career." "To hold off the challenge from world-class players such as Laura and Helen makes it extra special."

Meg Mallon made par at the first play-off hole against Dottie Pepper to win the Star Bank LPGA Classic on Sunday - her first victory since 1996. Mallon and Pepper had both finished on 199, 17 under par.

EQUESTRIANISM Great Britain face a difficult hurdle

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN AACHEN, GERMANY

THE beleaguered Great Britain showjumping team, still without a win in the Sarsung Nations Cup series this season, will have their work cut out if they are to rectify that record at the Aachen International Show this week. The show, which is celebrating its hundredth anniversary, is the toughest on the circuit. With ten of the sport's leading teams competing, the Nations Cup on Friday will be a dress rehearsal for the world championships in Rome in October.

With Britain only twelfth in the series - their lowest ever placing - the selectors have virtually given up hope of qualifying for the final in Germany in September. Michael Bullman, the chairman of the selectors, said yesterday: "Our priority now must be the world championships, where we have to finish in the top six to qualify for the Sydney Olympic Games."

John Whitaker, winner of the coveted Aachen Grand Prix last year on Welham, heads the team that will attempt to salvage British pride. Welham is still not back to full fitness, but Whitaker has an improving second string in Virtual Village Heyman, a nine-year-old Dutch-bred gelding who made his Nations Cup debut at Hickstead last month.

Geoff Billington and Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, both have their top horses, its Otto and Virtual Village Two Step. But the absence of Nick Skelton and Di Lampard from the squad has given two less experienced riders, Rob Hoekstra and

Mark Armstrong, the chance to compete. Armstrong, 37, a protégé of Fred Wexler, is likely to fill the fourth spot in the Nations Cup team. He made his Aachen debut in 1993 on Corella, the year that he was selected ahead of David Broome for the team for the European championships, but has not competed there since.

Armstrong, who said that he is "surprised and delighted" to find himself in the squad, is confident that Primma, his nine-year-old



John Whitaker: task

more, will cope with the demanding courses expected this week. "She's always gone well at Hickstead and that's as near as you can get to Aachen," he said. Although France still leads the Nations Cup series, it is Germany who will start as favourites on Friday. The resolve of the Olympic world and European champions is never sharper than when they are competing in front of the Aachen crowd.

Answers from page 35
FRANKALMOIGN (a) The feudal levy, after the Norman Conquest and all that, was the service required by the feudal lord. It was done in exchange for tenure. The clergy held their land by a form of tenure called Frankalmoign. The clergy usually performed their duty by deputy or paid a composition.
OERLIKON (a) A light automatic 20mm weapon firing ca. 900 rounds per minute. It could not be used as a friendly ground force because the shell did not self-destruct (as Bofors did at 4000 yards). It was used extensively in the merchant service at Gibraltar, and by the American troops advancing in Tunisia in 1943. Swiss made.
BETELGEUSE (a) One of the feet in the constellation Orion. A remote red supergiant, the second brightest in the constellation. Betelgeuse is a semi-regular variable, with a period of about 5.5 years. Its normal magnitude is 0.3 to 0.9. It is a strong source of infra-red.
DOMINANT SEVENTH (a) A chord of the dominant with 3rd, 5th and 7th. In the key of C major it will be G-B-D-F. It is a discord and must be 'resolved' typically to C-E-G. It is used frequently in accompaniments to light songs and in recitatives in classical oratorios.
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. Qc4! Kc7; 2. Qc6! Qc6; 3. d7 and the pawn promotes.

TELEVISION CHOICE

The hard man uncovered

This Wonderful Life Channel 5, 8.00pm

Eight years as nasty Grant in EastEnders has turned Ross Kemp from a relatively unknown actor to a media celebrity, whose doings off the screen are as much an object of attention as his appearances on it. Taking his cue from the tabloid press, this programme aims to reveal the 'real' Ross Kemp, establishing that he plays rugby and supports New Labour, but like the tabloids, discovers that Kemp dislikes the media and considers his private life to be private. So the programme has to fall back on what Kemp's fans already know, that women find him attractive despite (or even because of) his bald head and that he has also become an icon of the gay community. The question for the future is whether he can move on from EastEnders or, like so many soap stars before him, he is irrevocably typecast.

Absolutely Animals Channel 4, 8.00pm

Wendy Turner rounds off the current series of the animal magazine with a trip to Thailand. Here she attempts on a hospital which looks after elephants made redundant by being banned from working in the logging industry. To compound an already sad tale, many of the beasts are addicted to amphetamines given to them to make them work harder... Back home, meanwhile, Simon White, Absolutely Animals' resident vet, is treating three regular patients for the problems of old age. They are cats, a mother which is 20 years old and her 17-year-old kittens. Another regular, the animal warden Dawn Simmons, shows us some of the creatures she looks after at home, and there are suggestions for saving Britain's rarest farmyard and working breeds.

Equinox: Thin Air Channel 4, 9.00pm

At the top of Everest the air is so thin that it cannot sustain life. For every six people who reach the summit of Everest, one dies. Scientists believe there is a connection, and attribute many of the deaths to hypoxia, a lack of oxygen to the brain which can result in loss of judgement, disorientation and hallucinations. To test the theory, three American



Wendy Turner visits a hospital for retired elephants in Thailand (C4, 8.00pm)

climbers set off to conquer Everest, their progress monitored to establish the effects of altitude. Two of the three have been to the top before but David Carter's only previous attempt was unsuccessful. He becomes the main focus of attention. At 19,500 feet, nearly 10,000 feet below the summit, he is already struggling with simple 'true or false' tests. Further on he develops a violent cough. But the main drama occurs on the descent when Carter's throat gets blocked and he comes near to death.

Watch This or the Dog Dies BBC2, 9.30pm

The premise of this jaunty retrospective is that something called Youth TV suddenly emerged towards the end of the 1960s and is already dead, though its influence lives on in the style of mainstream programmes. Channel 4's Network Seven set the pattern: a mixture of information and entertainment served up with dizzying camerawork, eccentric graphics and a team of young and untired presenters. The BBC moved in, recruited one of Network Seven's besteters, Janet Street-Porter, and launched its own youth shows. Channel 4 retorted with The Word, which scaled new heights of tastefulness. The attempt to talk to 16- to 24-year-olds in their own language finally foundered when the presenters showed that none of them watched One Foot in the Grave than anything Street-Porter could think up. Peter Waymark

Pity About Kitty Radio 4, 2.15pm

"A wonderful sense of the comic, a farce almost", says Dora Bryan, wearing her staff nurse's cap, one of the three who stars in this slightly grey comedy, written by Jimmie Clain. She could be talking about the plot itself, though she is actually referring to the lighter side of hospital nursing. The darker side is represented by an unfortunate incident at the hospital in which, to quote the staff nurse who is about to face a tribunal, "a poor old sod" of a male patient "turned up for a couple of injections in the bum and went home in a coffin". Bryan's two co-stars are the hospital's ward manager and its director of nursing - another two shop windows for her to display her celebrated comical skills.

The Rank School of Charmers Radio 2, 9.00pm

The 1960s saw the demise of the Rank Organisation's so-called "Charm School" and in many ways were shed at its funeral. The idea behind it was that all that had to be learned was to make stars out of its repertoire company of young performers, it wouldn't do any harm (indeed, it might do some good) if they were groomed for stardom in the Hollywood style. Where it all went wrong was when Rank failed to turn out the kind of worthwhile movies that might have completed the star-making process. Rank also forgot that charm, like beauty, often lies in the eye of the beholder. Tonight's documentary, is presented by George Baker who was not one of the "charm school" graduates. Peter Daville

RADIO

6.30am Keith Greening and Zed Bell 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, with Republica in Humberston. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.45 John Peel 9.30 Mary Anne Hobbe 12.00 The Breakfast Show 2.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Cbe Warran

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wiggin 8.30 Johnnie Walker 12.30 Breakfast 2.00am Alan Partridge 3.00am Alan Partridge 4.00am Alan Partridge 5.00am Alan Partridge 6.00am Alan Partridge 7.00am Alan Partridge 8.00am Alan Partridge 9.00am Alan Partridge 10.00am Alan Partridge 11.00am Alan Partridge 12.00am Alan Partridge

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 8.00 Nick Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Race and Co 4.00 Newsweek 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Any Sporting Questions? A panel of sporting celebrities take questions from a studio audience at 8.00. For the home of the World's Funniest Sports Footage 9.00am Extra Time. Sports quiz, recalling the 1971 defeat of Don Revie's Leeds by Fourth Division Colchester 10.00am Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00am Morning Report

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Radio Venus 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00am Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Coles 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.30am Peter Dinklage 4.30am Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 8.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00am Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Alan Partridge 3.00pm Tommy Boyd 5.00pm Peter Dinklage 7.30am Alan Partridge 10.00am Alan Partridge 11.00am Alan Partridge 12.00am Alan Partridge

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 About Face 8.00 News 8.15 On The Shelf 8.30 Welcome to my World 8.45 The Lab 9.00 News (645 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Musical of the Week 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Studio 54 from Atlantic 10.30am Looking at Literature Much Ado About Nothing 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsbeat 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsbeat 12.30pm About Face 1.00 News (645 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.30am Alan Partridge 1.35am Alan Partridge 2.00am Alan Partridge 3.00am Alan Partridge 4.15 Alan Partridge 4.30 Alan Partridge 4.45 Alan Partridge 5.00 Alan Partridge 6.00 Alan Partridge 6.15 Alan Partridge 6.30 Alan Partridge 7.00 Alan Partridge 7.30 Alan Partridge 8.00 Alan Partridge 8.25 Alan Partridge 8.30 Alan Partridge 8.45 Alan Partridge 9.00 Alan Partridge 9.15 Alan Partridge 9.30 Alan Partridge 9.45 Alan Partridge 10.00 Alan Partridge 10.15 Alan Partridge 10.30 Alan Partridge 10.45 Alan Partridge 11.00 Alan Partridge 11.15 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Delusions, drugs and a discredited doctor

Barry Austin of Birmingham is so fat that you only have to look at him to know that his favourite food is seconds. At 47 stone, he is the heaviest man in Britain. He is almost large enough to qualify for his own postcode. If he has ever watched *Rosemary's Baby* he would not be surprised to find that he is the man behind the counter at the Hygienic Fish Saloon (slogan: "Were too busy frying haddock to think of a less stupid name"), filled in on Barry's taste for a pre-supper snack: "A couple of kebabs. And while he used to wait for the kebabs he used to eat a savoy. And a spring roll. And he used to have a piece of fish as well, to nibble on the way home."

His food intake has recently stricken into feeling fuller by the insertion of a balloon maybe one of Barry's specialities. But at the height of his eating, Barry downed 43,000 calories a day — which, for those of you who follow a healthier diet, is roughly equivalent to two million leucines. Claudia Schiffer eats less in an entire year. Deayton was using Barry Austin's obesity as an example of the perils of succumbing to temptation, and how food can become as addictive as a drug. But it was only when Barry announced "I don't think I am overweight, I think I'm a slim person, that I realised that kebabs and savoyes almost certainly have at least as strong an hallucinogenic effect as the plant that was being investigated in Channel 4's *Sacred Woods*.



Joe Joseph
 You've never been accosted on dark street corners by somebody offering you *salvia divinorum*, that's because it's native only to a small part of Mexico, where the Mazatec Indians like to chew it during religious rituals. So scared to monitor the effects first-hand, two anthropologists, a psychiatrist and a pharmacologist gave the drug to a couple of human guinea-pigs and then asked them how it felt.

Castaneda into a bestselling author in his native California. But an infinitely more dismal and painful insight into what academics will do in the name of research came in *Secret History: Kinsey's Paedophiles* (Channel 4). We have known for some time that the first "scientist" of human sexual behaviour was a flawed man. But *Secret History* laid bare just how shameless and misguided Alfred Kinsey had been to use the detailed private diaries of a predatory paedophile as the scientific evidence for his claims that children often enjoyed sexual contact with adults.

He wrote in one book: "The adult contacts are a source of pleasure to some children and sometimes may arouse the child erotically and bring it to orgasm. It is difficult to understand why a child — except for its cultural conditioning — should be disturbed at having its genitalia touched." Is it really that difficult? Perhaps it is if you rely for information, as Kinsey did, on a rapacious paedophile like Rex King, a US Government land examiner whose job took him across Arizona and New Mexico. These trips gave King plenty of opportunity to prey on young boys and girls. He molested more than 800 of them, although — as Kinsey's researchers recalled — King would have sex with just about any person or animal that was handy. He'd already been through most of his relatives.

He kept detailed records of his encounters. Kinsey was thrilled. He wrote to King: "I congratulate you on the research spirit which has led you to collect data over these many years. Everything that you have accumulated must find its way into scientific channels." Kinsey saw King's data as a gold mine, proving that children were sexual beings from birth; but it wasn't scientific data, it was just a catalogue of child torture. Drawing conclusions from this data was, at best, like making jewellery from gold stolen from the pillboxes of those gassed in Nazi concentration camps.

- BBC1**
- 6.00am Business Breakfast (40817)
 - 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (37091)
 - 9.00 Kilroy (1) (682003)
 - 9.40 What Now? A would-be stand-up comedian, a mother considering a move to Italy (1) (1067343)
 - 10.05 Easy Money With Pam Britton, John Burgess, Angela Rippon and Geoffrey Thompson (1284091)
 - 10.30 The Rankin Challenge Chef Paul Rankin helps an American prepare a feast for a Thanksgiving party (30527)
 - 11.00 News (1) and weather (7619850)
 - 11.05 Good Living (1) (1) (4927492)
 - 11.30 All Over the Shop (1) (4465411)
 - 11.55 News (1) (201861)
 - 12.00 Every Second Counts (1) (1) (21879)
 - 12.30pm A Word in Your Ear With novelist Frances Edmonds, sports presenter Dickie Davies, journalist Carol Thatcher and cartoonist Bill Tidy (1) (1) (40482)
 - 1.00 News (1) and weather (88850)
 - 1.30 Regional News (1) (4648833)
 - 1.40 Neighbours (1) (27816091)
 - 2.05 Perry Mason (1) (1) (9313430)
 - 3.35 Pingy (1) (1982121) 3.40 Playdays (1) (358382) 4.00 Poppy (1) (3547188) 4.10 Gadget Boy (1) (5788308) 4.30 Round the Twist (1) (1) (253411) 5.00 Newsround (1) (1) (200257) 5.10 Byker Grove (1) (1) (713396)
 - 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (438072)
 - 6.00 News (1) and weather (898)
 - 6.30 Regional News (1) (850)
 - 7.00 Holidays Out Boumouh: Leader: a French chateau, a Devon trans-hunt and the delights of Cornwall (1) (6072)
 - 7.30 EastEnders Louise gets a hostile response from former husband. Terry when she demands a share of his money (1) (382)
 - 8.00 Vets in Practice: Holding On Trade Mootie: prepare to perform a tricky operation on German shepherd with cancer (1) (848)
 - 8.30 Crime Beat: Possessions: Martyr Lewis reports on the latest developments in the fight against domestic burglary (1) (1527)
 - 9.00 News (1) and weather (8411)
 - 9.30 Mistle Rain: Go Senans: The stalking of a TV game show host seems an ideal case for trainee detective Kyriacou to cut his teeth on, but Mistle soon regrets her decision to have him follow the investigation (1) (74912)
 - 10.20 CrimeWatch: Update on three cases solved with the help of viewers presented by Nick Ross and Jill Dando (50459)
 - 11.05 Chicago Hope: Stand Sutton tries to help the staff cope to learn with the loss of Geiger. Guest-starring Richard Pryor and Carol Kane (1) (12295)
 - 12.00 Eye of the Needle (1981) With Donald Sutherland, Kate Nelligan and Christopher Pennock. A German spy with information which could scupper the D-Day landings is stranded on a small Scottish island and falls for a sexually frustrated local woman. Directed by Richard Marquand (91190)
 - 1.00am Weather (622305)
 - 1.45 BBC News 24

- BBC2**
- 6.10am Poetry and Landscape (1) (738506) 6.35 Greenberg on Art Criticism (978879)
 - 7.00 Open a Door (1) (8430083) 7.05 Teletubbies (1) (8757432) 7.30 Barbie (1) (2094707) 7.45 Sprites' Adventures (1) (5141343) 8.10 X-Men (1) (1) (2827188) 8.35 Tom and Jerry Kids (8241489) 9.05 Kenan and Kel (1) (4014576) 9.30 Ocean City (1) (77548) 10.00 Teletubbies (1) (1283352)
 - 10.25 Cricknet: NatWest Trophy — Hampshire vs Lancashire. Live coverage of today's 60-overs-per-side first semifinal at Southampton (25058614)
 - 12.45pm The Beechgrove Garden: Hardy annuals for the summer, planting hanging baskets, and permaculture: a technique which removes the need for digging (1) (662362)
 - 1.15 Cricknet: NatWest Trophy — Hampshire vs Lancashire. Further live coverage from Southampton. Includes news and weather at 2.40 and 3.25 (47803817)
 - 7.30 Walden on Heroes: Brian Walden casts a critical eye over Winston Churchill's reputation (1) (1) (904)
 - 8.00 Meet the Ancestors: Bones in the Barnyard: The remains of two crouched bodies discovered in a remote Somerset village, where DNA experts provide a link with the Iron Age (1) (1) (6362)
 - 8.30 WALEs: Dad's Army (1) (1) (3962)
 - 8.30 Ground Force: A Warwick couple's garden, which has come to resemble a rubbish tip, is transformed (1) (8168)
 - 9.00 Dad's Army: Jones is deemed unfit for duty (1) (1) (1) (6053)

- HTV**
- 6.00am GMTV (5445166)
 - 9.25 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (8973275)
 - 10.30 Return to the Lagoon (1991) With Michael, Joseph and Brian Krause. Romantic sequel in which a young boy and girl grow up alone together in an island paradise. Directed by William A. Graham (83057492)
 - 12.20pm Regional News (1) (9011966)
 - 12.30 News (1) and weather (75188)
 - 1.00 Shortland Street (32548) 1.30 Home and Away (1) (74458) 2.00 Lunch in the Sun (887301) 2.45 Supermarket Sweep (1) (846324)
 - 3.15 News (1) (4521430)
 - 3.20 Regional News (1) (4528343)
 - 3.25 Tote TV (4518965) 3.35 Jamboze (2867830) 3.45 Wives, Witches and Mutley in Their Flying Machines (850824) 4.15 Extreme Ghostbusters (578275) 4.40 Minty (8908343)
 - 5.10 WALEs: People and Pets (1715459)
 - 5.10 What's My Line? (1715459)
 - 5.40 News (1) and weather (812966)
 - 6.00 Home and Away (1) (1) (722695)
 - 6.25 WALEs: Wales Tonight (943817)
 - 6.25 HTV West (356701)
 - 6.30 The West Tonight (548)
 - 7.00 Emmerdale: Scott Windsor returns to Emmerdale (1) (1140)
 - 7.30 Take 3 (430)
 - 8.00 The Bill: McCann and Santini clash over a case in which a young black youth is sexually assaulted (1) (7188)
 - 8.30 Loved By You: Michael and Kate try to betray their new neighbours (1) (8695)

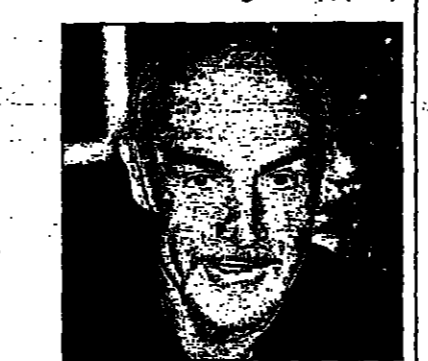
- CENTRAL**
- As HTV West except
 - 1.00pm A Country Practice (32546)
 - 1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7553142)
 - 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1715458)
 - 6.25-7.00 Central News (943517)
 - 7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (430)
 - 11.40 Ramage (829253)
 - 12.35pm Stash (943637)
 - 1.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9950515)
 - 1.40 Best of British Motor Sport (8180763)
 - 2.15 FILM: Naked Fury (237657)
 - 3.15 Nationwide Football League Extra (226541)
 - 4.15 Central Jobfinder '98 (8403015)
 - 5.20 Asian Eye (1632218)
- WESTCOUNTRY**
- As HTV West except
 - 12.15pm-12.30 News (8415508)
 - 1.00 Emmerdale (32546)
 - 1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7553140)
 - 5.08 Birthday People (5253740)
 - 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1715458)
 - 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (50679)
 - 7.30-8.00 Peter Gordon for Starters (430)
 - 11.35 Movie Show Special: Wyatt Earp (851995)
 - 12.05am Love at First Sight (9638522)
- MERIDIAN**
- As HTV West except
 - 10.25 Justice of the Land (5074879)
 - 11.25 Blue Heelers (829188)
 - 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1715458)
 - 6.00 Meridian Tonight (966)
 - 6.30-7.00 Heritage: Love it or Lose it (546)
 - 7.30-8.00 Quids in (430)
 - 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (829053)
 - 5.00am Prescreen (799801)
- ANGLIA**
- As HTV West except
 - 11.25 Blue Heelers (829188)
 - 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9113701)
 - 1.00-1.40 Dinosaurs (32546)
 - 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1715458)
 - 6.23 Anglia Weather (357430)
 - 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (843817)
 - 7.30-8.00 Lizz's Country (430)
 - 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (259985)
 - 11.35 Baywatch Nights (734879)
- SAC**
- Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (20701)
 - 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (4838445) 9.05 Rocko's Modern Life (6719904) 9.30 California Dreams (82614) 10.00 Hang Time (5068140) 10.40 The Secret World of Alex Mack (1) (2238968)
 - 11.45 Eddie Izzard (4138968) 12.30pm The Cosby Show (66430) 1.00 Slot Methrin (7724343) 1.15 Deri Deg (8214508) 1.35 FILM: The Green Men (3207695) 3.00 Deals on Wheels (7071) 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (324) 4.00 The Big Winners (459) 4.30 Ricki Lake (343) 5.00 5 Pump (8548) 5.00 Countdown (695) 5.00 Newyddion (6) 5.10 Home (677701) 5.10 Pabod y Cwm (85966) 7.25 Y Tymor (8548779) 8.00 Yr Ymlyn (8430) 8.30 Newsyddion (4237) 9.00 Ffrwd (102) 10.00 Brookside (81895) 10.35 Equinox (718188) 11.35 Edinburgh or Bust (82927) 12.05am Barking (8634164) 12.35 Cybill (5080201) 1.05 Spin City (9954386)

- CHANNEL 4**
- 7.00am The Big Breakfast (20701)
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 - 11.10 Planet Pop (8457411) 11.45 Eene Indiana (1) (1) (4138968) 12.30pm Mission Improbable (829072) 1.35 Collectors' Lot (1) (86042072)
 - 1.40 The Dawn Patrol (1938, b/w) First World War aviation drama with Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and David Niven. Directed by Edmund Goulding (1) (23038332)
 - 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (1) (324) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (1) (1) (459) 4.30 Countdown (1) (3247850) 4.35 Ricki Lake: My Family History. My Friends Because They're Black (1) (1) (271696)
 - 5.30 Pat: Reacquars a house overtop by rabbits; a dog stuck on top of a building (1) (885)
 - 6.00 Cheers Comedy with Bill Cosby (1) (508)
 - 6.30 The Cosby Show (1) (1) (188)
 - 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) and weather (506865)
 - 7.50 Stages of the Invisible: The inner structure of plastic (1) (715985)
 - 8.00 Absolutely Animals: Wendy Turner visits a hospital in Thailand that cares for elephants which have been banned from working in the logging industry. Last in series (1) (8450)
 - 8.30 Brookside: Lindsay comes up with a plan to remove Gary from her life once and for all (1) (4237)

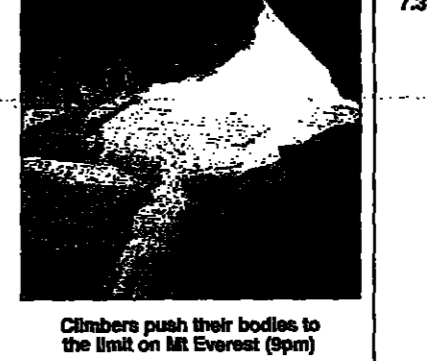
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Gough sets seal on series triumph as South Africa are defeated at Headingley England taste champagne at last

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HEADINGLEY (final day of five): England beat South Africa by 23 runs

IT TOOK only half an hour, but for many, it seemed like half a lifetime in Leeds yesterday until the exultant moment when Darren Gough bellowed his last appeal. Javed Akhtar raised a judicial finger and 10,000 voices at Headingley acclaimed the end of the empty years. England have won a series that matters and, in a favourite phrase of David Lloyd, their coach, it should be shouted from the rooftops.

off the field when it happened, having gone to hospital for tests after a two-day bout of food poisoning, but he was back smiling wanly, in time to drink champagne, collect the England player-of-the-series award for his superb batting and to confirm: "I've not given the captaincy a second thought. The team's the thing, no matter who is in charge."

Wales Cricket Board, left London at 5.30am for an unscheduled return to Leeds — "Couldn't miss it," he said — and David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, prepared for another restless morning. "When we need a wicket, I tend to go for a walk," he said. "For three hours on Sunday, I spent a lot of time walking."

South Africa, defiant to the end, were finally vanquished at 11.30am, when Gough, the symbol of all that is optimistic in the English game, took his sixth wicket of the innings. The match was won by 23 runs and the series by two games to one. The tension of five, cliffhanging days was released and the hearts-searching of a 12-year wait was over.

To have lost yesterday would have been unthinkable, crushing the long-suffering spirits of the sporting nation once again, yet to win the match and series, when five weeks ago both team and game were pronounced terminally sick, strains credulity. Seldom in the history of England cricket has victory been won from such a position: never has it been more needed.

Fifteen minutes before the start, the England seam bowlers ran out one by one to warm up. First Cork, then Fraser were cheered on and, finally, to a tumultuous roar, Gough, the local hero. It could not have been stage-managed better.

In the memorably mad minutes that followed, a crowd of unimaginable size for what might have been two balls of cricket invaded the ground and England players, rightly emotional, gave themselves up to an experience that the more venerable had come to fear they would never savour.

Cricket has been up against it all summer, a jury of sceptics ready to deem it obsolete.

When business resumed, the anticipation seemed to niggle at Gough. Inevitably handed the ball for the first over, he strained for rhythm and line. It needed a typically mean maiden from Angus Fraser to settle nerves as the crowd cheered every runless ball.

"We've been through a lot together and seen plenty of hard times," Alec Stewart, the captain, said. "We've come back from 1-0 down to beat a side I rate among the top three in the world. We've hung in there through the bad times, when we played poorly, and this is a special day."

Needing 34 at start of play, South Africa gained four of them through leg-byes as Gough strayed down the leg side. Their target was down to 25 when, in the sixth over of the morning, Allan Donald was drawn into an error by Fraser and adjudged caught behind.

Donald's distraught expression told either of self-recrimination or dismay at another contentious decision. This match has been full of them — its one downside — and the culpability of Javed, who gave nine leg-before dismissals, is no greater than that of the International Cricket Council for sending five overseas umpires into a dramatic series.

Lloyd, who knows his position would have been questioned had England been defeated, wore a smile of vindication. "I'm not bothered about me," he said. "I've had low moments, after the West Indies tour and again this summer, but you just have to dust yourself down and get on with it. I've got the best job in the world and days like this are what you work for."

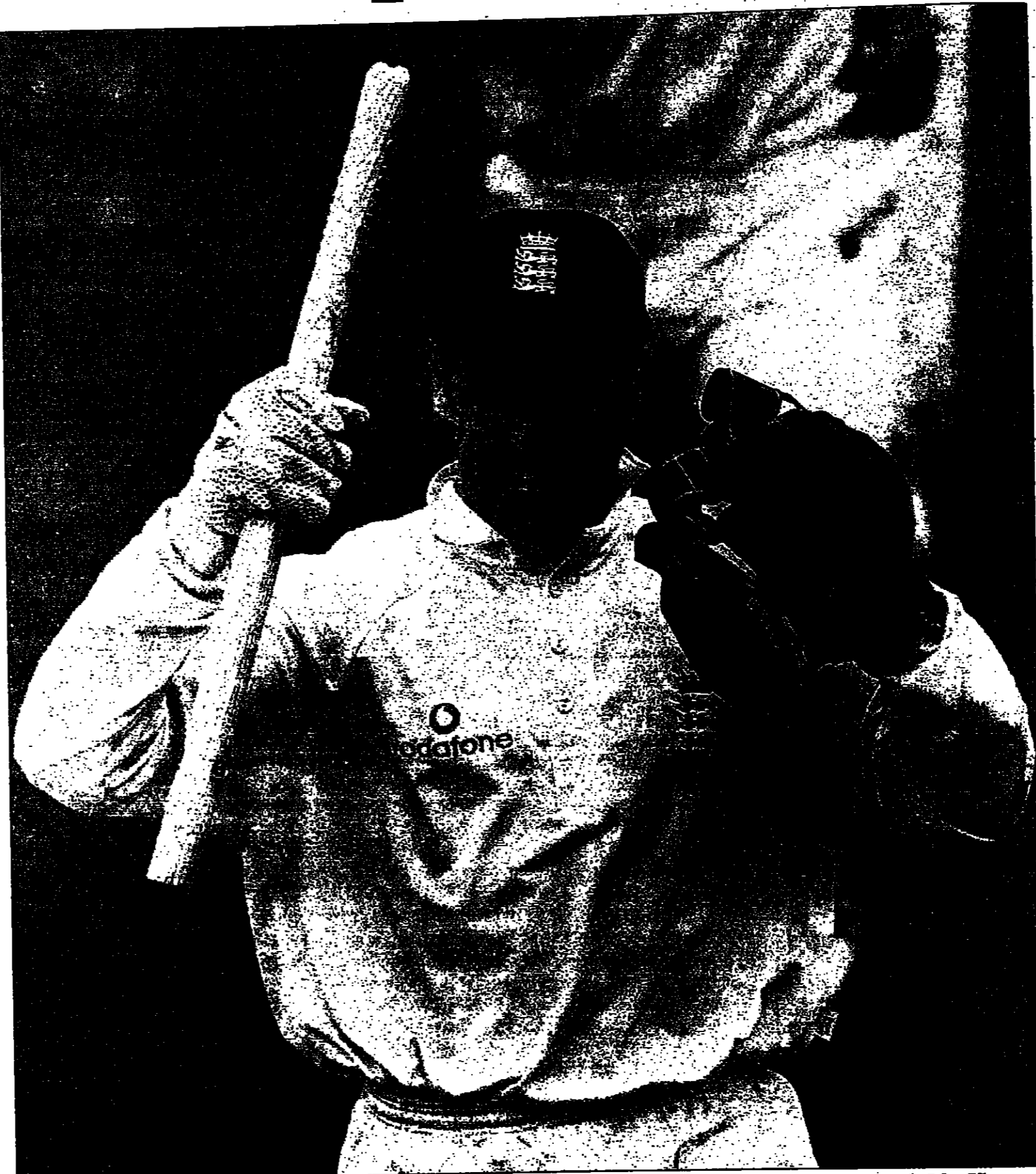
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Javed was yet to give his last decision, the merit of which was obscured by the pandemonium that followed. Makhaya Ntini has few batting pretensions and when Pollock exposed him to three balls from Gough, the last pinned him in front as he jumped across his crease.

For Stewart, who admitted to a disturbed night "thinking about my field placings", the victory came in his first series as captain. Michael Atherton, who led the previous 12, was

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, stood soberly apart from the England balcony scenes that followed, his mind doubtless a maelstrom. In defeat, he conducted himself with dignity, refusing to blame injuries, fatigue or umpiring.

"We let them back into the series at Old Trafford," he said. "I think our cricket has taken a step backwards." The opposite is true for England.



An exultant Stewart clutches a stump as he runs from the pitch at Headingley yesterday, the series victory assured. Photograph: John Giles

"The clouds have, thank goodness, lifted from the hills"

John Woodcock, page 36

The measure of the game's health is the quality of the national team and, suddenly, there is colour in previously pallid cheeks.

To be at Headingley yesterday was to know how much it meant. By 9.30am, on a morning so dingy and drizzly that a delay was briefly threatened, spectators were streaming into this dire, decrepit yet wonderfully evocative stadium. By the time that play began, the Western Terrace was fuller than it had been on the opening day.

Before leaving home, those spectators might have seen television reruns from the time when England last won over the classic five-Test distance — in 1986-87 — or they might have heard radio news programmes punctuated by cricket, cricket, cricket.

Lord MacLaurin, the chairman of the England and

Local hero steps forward

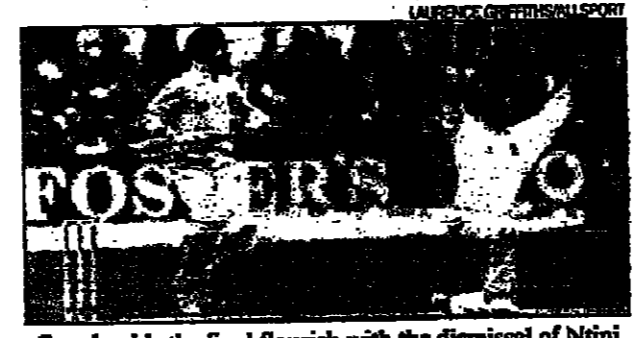
Michael Henderson celebrates the most ebullient of bowlers

WAITING for the German verb, Flunt O'Brien said, is surely the ultimate thrill. Not if you're a follower of English cricket, it's not. People have been waiting 12 years for a day like this and now they can rummage through the dictionary for some verbs of their own: to win, succeed, overcome, triumph, prevail, even — yes! — to send packing (W. Shakespeare). If we can borrow from our national poet at this time when can we?

That is the enduring thing about him. His enthusiasm is entirely natural, a miracle in a world of bogus emotions. There were times in the past when he was a daff lad, but as Lloyd acknowledged, he has got over the difficult period, when a young man's head can easily be turned. "He is more mature now," Lloyd said. "He has always been an ebullient character in the dressing-room and loves the stage, but he is fully aware of what he has to do on the field."

area [indicating the Western Terrace] he makes sure that he is concentrating on what is going on up there [the pitch]. He knows he will be the focal point of the team, particularly at a ground like this, but he handles it well."

Gough's popularity is more than a recognition of his natural exuberance and enthusiasm, as 102 wickets in 25 Tests — including his career-best six for 42 at Headingley — suggest. He impressed from the outset of his England career, taking 17 wickets in four Tests



Gough adds the final flourish with the dismissal of Ntini

Croft's role is acknowledged

THE man who changed the course of the South Africa series watched the thrilling final stages unfold on television 230 miles from Headingley, at his home in Hendy, Wales. But for Robert Croft, England would not be celebrating their first win in a full series since 1986-87 today. His tenacious batting in the third Test at Old Trafford has grown in significance since it enabled England to save the match five weeks ago. History will remember it as one of the great rearguard innings, a performance to equal that of Trevor Bailey and Willie Watson against Australia at Lord's in 1953.

main, acknowledged that failure to convert what seemed a winning situation in Manchester was the turning point of the series. Alec Stewart agreed. Within minutes of the victory at Headingley, the England captain telephoned Croft to say "thanks mate" in recognition of efforts past.

"At the time I knew it had been an important innings to save the game, but no more than that," Croft said yesterday. "We did not really think of the next two Tests straight away. At the time I was just exhilarated, and relieved that Gus had managed to stay there at the end."

"It is nice to get the recognition but there was a lot of very good cricket played by the lads at Trent Bridge and Headingley to actually go on and win the series. That's more or less what I said to Stewie — just really well done and thanks for ringing."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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